

Sailer, Both

9-8-46

Dear Rob: ^{Don} - I cannot
refrain from sending you
an affectionate birthday
greeting from two old
friends, with an accent
on the double meaning of
the word. And with our
good wishes I want to
again express my ap-
preciation for Five Minutes
A Day which I love and
use every morning with
my devotions reading.
Your prayers are especially
helpful. I only wish there
were more of them.

It was good to see Emma
recently. we were only sorry
you, too, could not have
been at the wedding.

Powers and I send you
and Emma much love.

Always affectionately

Sept. 8 - 1946

Bill

Mrs. Thomas Henry Powers Sailer

219 Walnut Street
Englewood, New Jersey

Sunday Afternoon - Oct. 21 - 45 -

Dunlop, Emma E.

Dearest - Lady Sailer - The enclosure
Sailer
tells its own story which will not
come as a surprise to you. Before
I came West - a year ago we knew
that there was little hope of Jack's
recovery. He also knew and
lived the weary days patiently.
- The trend was steadily down and
we would not have had his
sufferings prolonged. Doctors and
nurses were devoted, though
Ann alone did the actual
nursing care except for a few

weeks in hospital last April when near-pneumonia complicated things. How she has survived I do not know; but she is capable and efficient and will carry on.

The children are 12 & 14 years and will soon be grown. Meantime she will find a position without difficulty and can be free from financial anxiety.

Ann asks me not to leave her; but there will be change of residence, and if an apt. in Peetie Home is available - there has been no opening yet - I

still hope to have my own small
home.

My husband's sister, Jane Dunlop,
who is in the post office at San Luis Obispo,
and, Gustav & his wife were with us,
but have gone now.

On Wednesday morning 18th I received
a telegram that told of the passing of my
brother in Chicago — 32 yrs old.

at 2 o'clock we gathered at Forest Lawn
to lay away Jack's dear form.

That came by the wife of my husband's

Best of good wishes & love, even to you -
and yours. Anne D. Dunlop.

brother, in Duxbury, died. The telegram
reaching me on Thursday afternoon.

Good word comes from my Jean Dunlop
Ester & her family, the 5-months-old son
growing as a baby should. The same
report can be made of Jean Shacklock
Dunlop & her boy. They are now living in
Coniston, Ill.

I leave it with you to tell Mr & Mrs
Bulkeley of Jack's release if you think best.
I hope they are well, but do not wish to
disturb them should it be otherwise in his case.

T. H. P. SAILER
219 WALNUT STREET
ENGLEWOOD
NEW JERSEY

Y17 / Feb 13.

Dear Robbie, -

When Kennedy told me you were to be here on
March 4th, he asked if we could entertain you, & I told
him it would be taken for granted that you would stay here.
I delayed writing because I considered the weather setting. Now
I learn that Freddie has invited you. I am sure he would
greatly appreciate your visit, & I don't wish to cut in on

him, but I trust we shall at least see you. We shall try to get Freddie to bring you here to dinner.

Unfortunately that night I have an engagement of long standing to speak at Tenafly, so I shall not be able to meet you. I hope that the dinner plan will work out & you can give at least the principal heads of your address.

Affectionately

Thomas

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T. H. P. SAILER
219 WALNUT STREET
ENGLEWOOD
NEW JERSEY

Dec 15.

Dear Robbe,

Circumstances beyond my control have
delayed sending out requests for the annual lecture.
Let me have anything that I feel to send, to which
I am sure that will incite your classmate to
virtue.

Affectionately
Thos.

T. H. P. SAILER
219 WALNUT STREET
ENGLEWOOD
NEW JERSEY

Dec. 30

Dear Robbie, -

Thank you for your book I cannot recall that I ever met or heard Bishop Hughes, but I do remember that he was very highly spoken of.

We had a very pleasant Christmas with the Welles family here. George has just wired us from San

Francis that we may expect him in a few days.
I understand that you all spend Christmas with
Marnie.

I don't think I have seen you since you were
in the hospital. I trust that our next meeting
will be when we are both walking around.

Love from us both to you both.

Affectionately -
Percy.

T. H. P. SAILER
219 WALNUT STREET
ENGLEWOOD
NEW JERSEY

May 30.

Dear Robbie, -

Your argument is irresistible. If I had not
been born I could not have married & had children &
we could not have met. Still, in spite of all the
fool things I have said & done & the despicable things
I have omitted to say & do, I do not regret having

Dear Lou. Life has been better to me than I
have deserved. Here's to the best days for both of us

Affectionately

Thomas

T. H. P. SAILER
219 WALNUT STREET
ENGLEWOOD
NEW JERSEY

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December 14.

Dear Robbie, -

Thank you very much for the book. I have read the books by Angus, altho not this one, & find them very stimulating. It is good to learn from Emma that things are going well with you. I hope you don't get used of background as I did of horseback when I was incapable of anything more intellectual.

I ordered Justice from Olympus - The life of Justice Holmes

for you a few days ago. But books are so slow in coming in
nowadays that I don't know just when it will turn up. If
you have it or have read it, let me know by return mail &
I will get something else. If I do not hear I will take it
you have not seen the book. Beth & I read it down.

We hope to have all our family with us at Christmas.

Beth joins me in sending love to you & Emma.

Affectionately -

Powers

T. H. P. SAILER
219 WALNUT STREET
ENGLEWOOD
NEW JERSEY

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Dec. 22. —

Dear Robbie,

Put your gratitude into cold storage. That
book must have come from someone else, as I did
not send the publisher your address. I will get some-
thing else for you & make it a New Year's present.
How about Lord-Lear, & Stollman's? How are a
booklet if you have it. Or, De Schweinitz Egyptian;

Road to Social Security?

It is good to know that you are getting a lot of
reading done. That is the way I spend much of my
time now. Roadolph has just moved from the Penn
Station, & we are expecting him & Louise for dinner.
Glad you will have so many of your family.

Affectionately,

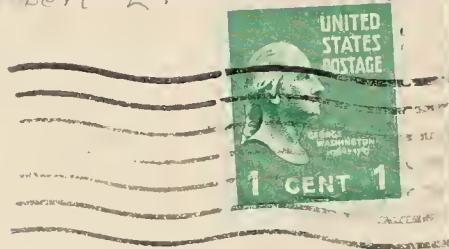
Powers.

Dear Dr. Spier:-

Greeting again
on your birthday. We

thank God that you
continue so vigorous
and that we can all
still receive so much
of Christ through your
strong life so generously
shared. I am now using
"Five Minutes A Day" with
great profit. God bless you.
Robert L. Sammis.

Lawyer? Robert L.



Dr. Robert E. Spier,
Rockledge,
Lakeville,
Conn.

I WILL NOT LET GO!

"I want to let go, but I will not let go!
I am tired, it is true, and discouraged and blue,
Worn out through and through! But I will not let go!
I want to let go, but I will not let go!
There is work to be done, a race to be run,
A crown to be won! And I will not let go!
I want to let go, but I will not let go!
There are battles to fight by day and by night,
For God and the right! And I will not let go!
I want to let go, but I will not let go!
I never will yield, nor lie down on the field,
Nor surrender my shield! No, I will not let go!
I want to let go, but I will not let go!
Be this ever my song 'gainst legions of wrong!
O God make me strong that I may not let go!"

—Anonymous.

Sawyer? Robert Lee



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Dr. Robert E. Spurr,
Rockledge,
Lakeville,
Conn.

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Schell, Fred F.
Delaware N.J., Dec. 15/
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My dear Doctor Speer:-

You probably have learned of him but in case it has not come to your notice I am writing to state that a letter yesterday from Fred Hope's sister who is with him says that Fred is in the Hospital with cancer and that the doctor advises that he cannot live more than 3 months.

Hope and I were college room mates and life long friends and he has often spoken ^{to me} of his regard and esteem for you.

Fred is in the

Orange General Hospital, Orlando, Florida.
and his sister's address is

Miss Esther Hope

1123 De Witt Dr.

Orlando, Florida.

Most cordially yours,

Fred. F. Schell.

Pastor Presb. Church.

Delaware, N.J.

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Schell, William P.

Sunset Hotel

Pasadena on the Gulf
St. Petersburg, Florida

St. Anthony's Hospital
St. Petersburg -
March 26, 1945

Dear Dr. Spew:

We were delighted to receive your good letter telling us of your improvement and bringing the good news that we were well enough to resume public speaking. Don't overdo it. Harriet was pleased with your reference to her lot of verses.

I can sympathize with you in your hospitalization. A week ago today I was rushed to this hospital (the best managed hospital, by the way, that I have ever seen outside of New York) suffering from a violent strep. infection of the left foot. When I arrived there my temperature was 102, my foot half again its natural size and a dark red; and I was giving its great pain within an hour between 2 hrs. and 4 hrs. penicillin treatment. By Friday they had given me 600,000 units and by Saturday morning my temperature was normal and my foot back to normal size and color. My treatment was wonderful. I have just been in to say that I may return to the hotel this afternoon. I have no more to do here. I will leave for Daytona Beach on Thursday, April 4th, and reach home on Easter day, April 10th.

I am greatly encouraged by the results of my work for the Board in Florida. I have called on scores of people and have written stacks of letters and if all of the money that has been promised to me in donations and gifts (mostly for foreign) materialized it will total more than \$70,000.

Sometimes I would like to sit down with you and talk over some of the matters with you. The organization and program of work are changing so rapidly that it is impossible to keep up with it. Occasionally, one of the great mistakes even made was when the board decided to create a foreign Dept. Secretary I warned Paul Johnston former Missions Director about it at the time it was done, but they thought it was a great idea. Now Missions are as far as the board and pastors are concerned. They are coming to me concerning it. They feel, and I agree with them, that it is a part of the

the five Foreign Dept Secretaries should be from
the Home Church — but it is too late to do
anything about it now. Another mistake
has been to have so many Board members
Secretaries serving as Board members.
Still another delusion is to think that the Foreign
greatly expanded and very expensive Foreign
Mission Conference can take care of us
our problems and solve them for us.

On April 17th I shall be 67, so I shall have
only 3 more years before retirement. It
hardly seems possible
Marriet and Eleanor join me in best
wishes to you and Mrs. Speer.

Sincerely,

William T. Kemp

of Mrs. Wm. Henry
Eden Road
Rockport, Mass.

Schell, William P.
8.10.45
POST CARD



Harriet and I send you
our greetings from Cape
Ann. While Harriet is taking
painting lessons I am playing
some golf and doing
some reading and writing.
When we landed here Mrs.
W. R. Moody and her daughter
Ed. (Mrs. Smith) were
here. They both inquired for
you.

We are rejoicing in the end
of the war, also many
"hardships" are ahead of
us. Best wishes to you all.
William P. Schell

Dr. & Mrs. Robt E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

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Sept. 7, 1945

Dear Dr. Spier:

All of the members of the Schell family unite in wishing you many happy returns of the day. We hope you have fully recovered your health and that you will have a happy birthday and many more of them.

Harriet and I returned a week ago from a vacation at Rockport, Mass. on Cape Ann. We had a good time but the climate was not good for Harriet's arthritis. At the guest house where we were staying we ran into Mrs. William R. Moody and her daughter Peggy (Smith). Mrs. Moody was an old friend. She inquired especially for you and Mrs. Spier.

things are opening up well at
"156". Receipts are up and we
are getting some surprises. The
other day a man on whom I
called last Winter in Florida
and who at that time promised
me an Annuity of \$15,000 or
\$25,000, sent in a check for
\$100,000 — \$70,000 of it for
an Annuity and \$30,000 for a trust
fund.

Now the Church is out to raise
\$27,000,000 for Post War Restr.
admin. ~~Just~~ We are not a
year too late. The Methodists
have raised nearly \$30,000,000,
but they began two years ago.
With an best wishes in this
spirit and yourself,

Sincerely,

William T. Hall

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE
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HOME BASE DEPARTMENT
WILLIAM P. SCHELL
MISS GERTRUDE SCHULTZ
CHARLES T. LEBER
SECRETARIES

November 2, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Because of the long history back of the proposal to equalize benevolences and because my memory goes back to the time when you and I had to fight this battle in the General Council of our Church, I am sending herewith for you to look over and keep the enclosed statements, which have been prepared by the Administrative Committee of our Executive Council, to be submitted to the Council at its next meeting and then to the Board. The last paper, entitled "Some Observations regarding the Proposal to Equalize Benevolences", was prepared by me. I had prepared a much stronger paper but one not lending itself to publicity, so I have revised it and toned it down. Just what the Foreign Board will do about this matter I do not know. The other three Boards, led by the Board of Christian Education, are pressing for a complete equalization of benevolences. Only one member of our Executive Council favors equalization, but we may be overruled in the General Council.

Things are going along well at "156". We have now between \$130,000 and \$140,000 in cash and pledges toward the campaign goal of \$155,000 for the Higginbottom Recognition Fund; we have signed up about \$250,000 in annuities in a little over six months; we are running ahead in receipts for the regular budget and for special objects; it looks as though we will be able this fiscal year to appoint as many as 100 new missionaries.

You have probably heard the sad news of the death of Rex Wheeler, Jr. I wonder if you know of the sorrow which has come to Mr. and Mrs. Mack of our staff in the drowning of their elder son in the typhoon at Okinawa. It seems too bad that after the close of the war this tragedy should come to them.

We often think and speak of you and Mrs. Speer and hope you are both well. Harriet joins me in best wishes to you both.

Very sincerely yours,

William P. Schell

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November 13, 1945

Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Speer:

You may have seen in the New York papers the announcement of the death of Mrs. A. W. Halsey, which occurred at the home of her sister, Mrs. Kennard Keen in Bryn Mawr, Pa., last Sunday morning, November 11th. On Wednesday, the 7th, she was stricken with a heart attack which was so serious that she cried out, "This is the end". She immediately relapsed into a coma and never recovered consciousness. Her other sister, Miss Lithgow, with whom she lived, was with her in Bryn Mawr. The funeral service will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, at 2 P.M. in the First Church on Fifth Avenue.

Both of you have undoubtedly seen Mrs. Halsey from time to time. I have had a glimpse of her now and then and she has called at the Board offices a number of times. She was very brave and it is a wonder that she could muster up enough strength to live all of these years since her operation. I was very fond of her personally, as I was of course of Dr. Halsey, and she will be greatly missed.

This morning's news also brings word of the death of Dr. Thomas C. Moffett, a brother of our Dr. Samuel Moffett, who was for many years a missionary in Korea. Since his retirement from service under the Board of National Missions, Dr. Thomas Moffett had been living at the National Arts Club of New York.

This morning I called up Eleanor Brown, because I wanted to be certain that Dr. Brown had heard of the death of Mrs. Halsey. I was delighted to have Eleanor tell me that her mother is improving, that she is now conscious all day long and is able to go to the dinner table once a day.

Thank you, Dr. Speer, for your good letter. I hope to have the pleasure of hearing you here next week, although I may have to fill an out-of-town appointment that afternoon.

Harriet joins me in best wishes for you both.

Very sincerely yours,

William P. Schell

Schell, William P.

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SUPERVISING SECRETARY

November 14, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

On behalf of the Foreign Board, I am writing to request you to express to a "Friend of Robert E. Speer" the sincere gratitude of the Board for the anonymous gift of \$2,000 which you mailed to Clarence Steele on November 3rd. I have a suspicion that this is the same donor who sent us \$2,000 about a year ago through the Salisbury Trust Company but in the absence of such definite information, the only way in which we can express the appreciation of the Board to this donor is through you, so please pass the word along to him or to her, as the case may be. The formal receipt is enclosed herewith.

We are still moving in the right direction in the matter of gifts and are piling up annuities at a great rate. It now begins to look as if by March 31st next we shall have received over \$300,000 for the year in annuities - an unusually encouraging record.

With good wishes, as always,

Very sincerely yours,

William P. Schell

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April 3, 1946

✓ Dr. Robert E. Speer
Dr. Arthur J. Brown

Dear Friends:

As I have just returned within the last few days from the annual meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference at Buck Hill Falls and as I had not attended such a meeting for five years, I thought you might be interested in hearing a little about the meeting and in reading my reactions to what took place there. There were about 400 delegates and visitors, representing a good many more Boards than was the case years ago. Buck Hill Falls is a delightful place for such a gathering and we had a good time.

My first reaction was, and I find that some of the other older secretaries agree with it, that this meeting, while creative, courageous and forward looking, was much more formal, stereotyped and stilted than the meetings of former years. There was very little spontaneity in the discussions and very little "give and take". Perhaps this was inevitable. Enclosed is a copy of the program. Four of the best speeches were those given by Dr. John Peters, our Board member, on "Approach to Laymen"; a sermon on "Hold on to Hope" by Dr. Reinartz; and the addresses by Drs. Higdon and Laubach.

A second impression I got is that the Committee of Reference and Counsel is an organization consisting of "wheels within wheels". It is much more complicated and involved and top heavy than formerly. This is due to the fact that in addition to the main secretariat of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, we now have a multitude of area committees, such as East Asia, Africa, India, the Philippines, etc. One has to have a guide to take him around to get to know and understand the workings of all of this machinery in these days.

Still another reaction is that the expenses of the organization have been mounting by leaps and bounds. We remember the time when our Board contributed \$4,000 a year to the Foreign Missions Conference. A little later this was pushed up to \$11,000 a year, and now, in the face of the protest of some of us, we are contributing \$88,000 a year to the budget of the Foreign Missions Conference. My guess is that it will not be long before the Board will be paying \$100,000 annually to the budget of the Foreign Missions Conference and another \$100,000 to the promotional expenses of our General Council. When we realize that there is every prospect that the equalization plan will be put through by the General Assembly, one wonders just where we are coming out financially during the next few years.

It was a pleasure at Buck Hill Falls to run into Drs. Armstrong, Priest, Arnup and Murray of Canada and Bishop Clippinger of Dayton, all of whom inquired for both of you.

Our Board year is just closing. It is still a little too early to know just how we are coming out. Through yesterday's receipts, we are \$230,000 ahead of last year, but we still have a long way to go to close the

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Dr. Arthur J. Brown

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April 3, 1946

year with all obligations met. In our Division of Special Gifts and Annuities, we are particularly happy that during the past 12 months we have received \$371,000 in annuities, or double the amount signed up last year. The work of soliciting gifts from individual donors has been quite difficult, because a number of them are switching their gifts from the Board's budget into the \$27,000,000 Restoration Fund, but that was to be expected.

This letter calls for no reply, it is just a report of what is going on.

With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

William T. Speer

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✓ Dr. Robert E. Speer
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Dear Friends:

Herewith a brief report in regard to the 158th General Assembly, which has just closed.

1. Defeat of Equalization of Benevolences.

As you know, the Budget and Finance Committee of the General Council at its March meeting tried to rush through the Council a proposal in favor of equalization of benevolences. As a result of protest by our Board, action on that matter was deferred until the May meeting in Atlantic City. The Foreign Board appointed a commission, consisting of Drs. Mackay, Emmons, Warren and Leber, to appear personally before the Budget and Finance Committee to argue out the case. At the conclusion of that conference, the Committee were still adamant and voted unanimously in favor of equalization of benevolences. The Board deputation thereupon asked for a hearing before the whole General Council, which request was granted. As a result of that hearing and following speeches made by Drs. Vale, Lowe, Mr. LaRoe and others, and on motion of Dr. Vale, the Council voted to receive the report of the Budget and Finance Committee, with the exception of their recommendation in favor of equalization. In regard to this recommendation, the five or six members of the Budget and Finance Committee voted in favor of equalization and all of the other members of the General Council voted against it. This was a lucky escape, or rather a providential miracle. I think that if equalization had gone through, our Board stood to lose approximately \$250,000 in receipts next year. Dan Pattison considers me too conservative and says that we would have lost \$500,000.

2. Election of Moderator

There were only two nominees, Dr. Frederick W. Evans of Troy, New York, and Dr. Raymon M. Kistler of Haddonfield, New Jersey. For many weeks prior to the Assembly, Dr. Kistler's friends had been bombarding the Commissioners with a kind of atomic bomb propaganda, communicating with every Commissioner and buttonholing them on the streets in Atlantic City. Dr. Evans on the other hand refused to allow his friends to conduct any propaganda on his behalf in advance of the Assembly. When these facts became known to the Assembly, Dr. Evans was elected on the first ballot, much to his surprise. As you know, he is a very simple, humble, spiritual man, who captured the imagination of all of those attending the Assembly. He made a fine presiding officer and will give real spiritual leadership to the Church this year.

3. The Assembly and the Matter of Myron Taylor's Ambassadorship to the Vatican

By unanimous vote the Assembly went on record against the continuance of our having a representative or ambassador of the President at the Vatican, and the announcement was made that on June 5th a committee representing a large group of Protestant denominations will confer with President Truman and will "insist" that Mr. Taylor be called home and that the whole mat-

Dr. Speer
Dr. Brown

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ter of an ambassador at the Vatican be given up. Just how far they will get is a question, as Brother Truman seems to be counting heavily on the Roman Catholic vote to keep him in the White House.

4. Popular Meeting on Foreign Missions

The largest crowd attending any popular meeting turned out on Tuesday night. The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Tamaki Uemura of Japan and Miss Flora Zarco of the Philippines. Mrs. Cleaveland, Vice-President of the Board, introduced over 50 members of the missionary force. Dr. Walter Van Kirk gave a ringing message on his recent visit to Japan and Dr. Van Dusen gave a strong message on "The World Mission Yesterday and Tomorrow". Both addresses were too long, which was unfortunate.

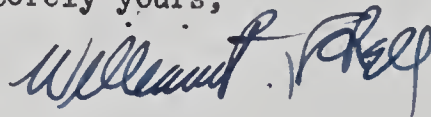
Dr. Albert G. Butzer, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, presented a good report, a copy of which I enclose. Pending the adoption of the report, addresses were given by Miss Margaret Shannon and Dr. Herrick Young. Miss Shannon spoke so long that the Moderator ruled that there was no time left for Dr. Young's address. Finally the Assembly voted to grant him 10 minutes, so he had to crowd a 25-minute address into 10 minutes, but he did a splendid piece of work under very difficult conditions. After a few minutes of discussion from the floor, the Assembly by unanimous vote approved the Report and a few minutes later adjourned.

We thus start off the new year under encouraging conditions, with four new Board members: Rev. R. Park Johnson, Ph.D. of Kansas City, Missouri; Rev. Stephen E. Palmer, D.D. of Lockport, New York; Mrs. Paul Moser of Topeka, Kansas; and Mrs. David C. Whitmarsh of Pittsburgh, Pa.

As you will note by the Report, the service of Gertrude Schultz was recognized in a beautiful way.

With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,



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WILLIAM P. SCHELL
33 CHATFIELD ROAD
BRONXVILLE, NEW YORK

September 8, 1946

Dear Dr. Speer: Just a note, on behalf
of Harriet and myself, to wish
you many happy returns of the
day! We rejoice that you
are still "going strong" and
that you are able to carry
such a load of work. We trust
you and Mrs. Speer will have a
happy day together, and a
good winter.
You probably heard of the death
of David M. Conaughy - in
Florida on August 19th. He
was in my office in July, full
of passion an early depart
ure in Europe. I did my best
to talk him out of it, and
was relieved to learn later
that he had abandoned the
project. He was a conserva-
tive Christian who rendered

WILLIAM P. SCHELL
33 CHATFIELD ROAD
BRONXVILLE, NEW YORK

a great service to his Rod.
With renewed congratula-
tions and our best wishes
to Mrs. Steer and yourself,

Sincerely
William P. Schell

5th Ave. R.
New. Haven
Gowd. Scott.

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Schell, William P.

33 Chatfield Road
Bronxville, New York
October 3, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Although I know how heavily burdened you are with many responsibilities, I am writing you because of your long acquaintance with Ernest Hall, to acquaint you with the serious financial condition in which he now finds himself, which is causing him much anxiety and distress of mind, in the thought that you may perhaps have some suggestion to offer which we can follow up.

When Hall retired from the Board about eight years ago, he unwisely bought a 237-acre farm near Dover, Delaware. During all of these years until about a year ago, he farmed the place, making a living out of it for himself and Mrs. Hall, but falling behind in his general expenses, so much so that about a year ago he lost the farm. Through the kindness of a friend, he was able to take possession, free and clear, of a two-acre place near Elkton, Maryland, where he seems to have been making good.

About 7 or 8 months ago his sister-in-law, Miss McLearn, became paralyzed and her mind was somewhat affected. Hall made every effort to place her in an institution where she could be cared for at a minimum of expense, but they were all overcrowded. Her condition was such that she could not be brought to the Halls' home to live with them. They, therefore, had to put her in a private institution in Wilmington, where her room, board and private nurse cost about \$75 a week. In order to care for these expenses, Hall had to mortgage his home and has involved himself in a very heavy expense, which is growing worse every day. He wrote to some of his former friends on the Pacific Coast and to a few of us around here, but none of them was in a position to help him.

George Trull, Rex Wheeler and I have been talking the matter over, and I have had frequent correspondence with Hall. First, I tried to get him a grant from the Jarvie Foundation, but their charter forbids them helping anyone who lives more than 50 miles from New York. I can think of no one who might help him except Mrs. Milton Stewart and Mr. Bulkley, but I have hesitated to approach him, because I understand he is not well. The purpose of this letter is simply to ask whether you can offer any suggestion as to a person or persons who might be approached on Hall's behalf to help him out of his present difficulties. He says that Miss McLearn cannot live long and that they are praying for her release, both for her own sake and for theirs.

Don't let this letter bother you, but if you have anything to suggest, I shall be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

William P. Schell

Schieffelin, Wm. Jay

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Mr. A. Donald Miller, General Secretary of the British Mission to Lepers, is expected to arrive from London on September 15, with Mrs. Miller.

We have arranged a dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Miller Tuesday, September 18, in the name of the Board of Directors and the group of Sponsors of the Postwar Anti-Leprosy Program, of which you are a valued member.

Mr. Miller will bring us first-hand news concerning the plans of the British Mission to Lepers for the expansion of the work of the postwar period. Mr. Miller will also doubtless have information concerning cooperation on the part of British colonial governments especially in India and Nigeria and of the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association.

We hope if you are in New York City you will join us at the dinner and in the later informal round-table discussion, together with any women members of your family who may wish to come.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Jay Schieffelin
Wm. Jay Schieffelin

Date: Tuesday, September 18
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Gramercy Park Hotel Roof.
By invitation only
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May 20, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

You may remember some correspondence we had a little time ago in connection with a review of mine in CHRISTIANITY TODAY of your splendid book WHEN CHRISTIANITY WAS NEW. I am writing now to ask your help on a book that I am preparing, a book of sermons, which I hope shortly to submit to a publisher.

In one of my sermons, which I hope to include in the proposed book, I desire very much to quote a striking poem I found in your book JOHN'S GOSPEL: THE GREATEST BOOK IN THE WORLD (Revell, 1915) The poem I should like to use is entitled "Simon Stone" and appears in your book on pages 201 and 202. You do not name the author of the poem in your book.

I wrote to Fleming H. Revell Company, who copyrighted the book in 1915, and asked them permission to quote this poem from it. They very graciously gave me the necessary legal permission with the understanding that I give your book credit and mention them as publishers and owners of the copyright.

But I think it would be a necessary courtesy to ask you for your personal permission to use this poem and to indicate that it appears in your book. Are you willing that I use it in this way, if and when my sermons ever appear in print? Also can you tell me something of the authorship of the poem? No name is attached to it in your book. Revells seem to think that that is an indication that you yourself are the author. It may of course be that you are the poet yourself. I do not want to press this point, for you may be very modest about it. But it would be a most interesting bit of information to me to learn either that the piece is of your own composition or just who the poet is who produced such a striking poem.

I hesitate very much to bother you, but a line from you giving me permission to use the poem (if you are willing to grant it) and some information on its authorship would be a very real help to me in my undertaking. Of course if you do not care to discuss the authorship of the poem, the permission to use it none the less would be most valuable to me.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph A. Schofield Jr.
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July 26, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

On May 20, I wrote you about a book of sermons I am working on and inquired about a lovely poem entitled, "Simon Stone" which I found first of all in a volume of yours called "John's Gospel, the Greatest Book in the World." I asked about authorship of the poem and permission to quote it.

You very kindly and graciously wrote me on May 25, giving me the history of the poem as far as you had come in contact with it and told me to use it without further permission. Your letter was most welcome to me and I want to thank you for it.

I did not reply earlier, however, because you suggested in your letter that I write to the Librarian of the Boston Public Library for further information. I did that and wanted to share with you the information received. The Librarian replied and further referred me to Christopher Morley, editor of Bartlett's Familiar Quotations. I next wrote to him and he referred my letter to the Associate Editor. Both the Librarian and the Editor gave me certain information. I am sending both letters to you for your interest. When you have entirely finished with them, will you kindly return them to me for my files? I thought you might be interested in the information contained in these two letters. I have consulted the new edition of Bartlett's and find the first stanza quoted and both Dickens and Walt Whitman referred to. The Boston Public Library speaks of biographies of "Father Taylor" and I thought this also might interest you.

May I thank you again most heartily for your great kindness to me? Your letter has been a real help to me and I am most grateful. I do not know if my volume will ever be accepted by a publisher, but if it does you may feel sure that I shall be happy to see that you receive a copy.

Gratefully and faithfully yours,

Joseph A. Schofield Jr.
Joseph A. Schofield, Jr.

Schoutzler, Evelyn H.

Attleboro, Mass.
July 25, 1945

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Dear Dr. Speer:

I am bothering you for the last time in regard to our boy being expelled from Mt. Hermon for I feel that someone should know what type of man is Headmaster over five hundred adolescent boys.

Over four weeks ago the boy wrote to Mr. Rubendall asking him to correct his false accusations and no reply has been received. If Mr. Rubendall had cared to, he could have looked up the record in the files at Mt. Hermon that Gordon had left the school legally and did not sneak away as he was accused. It does seem that Mr. Rubendall should be big enough to admit his mistake when the boy so humbly begged him for a correction. Then, last week Gordon wrote Mr. Rubendall another letter in which he stated that he could find no school to accept him except a strictly religious Catholic school and that seemed entirely out of order in our family and that he guessed he would remain at his present war job unless Mr. Rubendall had something to offer. In previous letters, Mr. Rubendall had written "if there is anything we can do to help place Gordon in another school, we will be most happy to cooperate" etc. and now when the boy is entirely at sea as to where he might be placed in school, Mr. Rubendall shows such a cold attitude as shown in the copy of his reply to the last letter.

We have heard that Gordon and the two boys he was with on the night after school closed are only a few of the boys that have been expelled from Mt. Hermon by Mr. Rubendall which certainly does not sound too good for the school. I will never understand how a man's conscience would allow him to be so cruel, or how he could have ministered to the various needs of a church people with the unchristianlike attitude he has shown. He is failing to keep up the standards of Dwight L. Moody at Mt. Hermon to say the least.

When I asked our pastor to call Mr. Rubendall to make an appointment for Gordon and me to come to Mt. Hermon to talk with him, he received the same type of reply as in the enclosed letter. If a man is not man enough to want to face the mother of one of his pupils, there is something wrong somewhere. It is a terrible feeling to be unjustly accused and not to be given a chance to defend yourself--that doesn't seem like the spirit which should exist at Mt. Hermon.

I am sure I do not know what Mr. Rubendall has told you but I hope you have heard the story just as our pastor has and he certainly feels the boy has been most unfairly treated and says he doesn't believe there is another school in the country that would have treated a boy this way, when, as Mr. Rubendall told him the boy had been a fine student and this was the first mark

of any kind against him.

Our local high school is of very low standard and even if the boy went back there this fall he would have to have one year after that in some other school before he could enter college, so he has decided to work this year and try to find a school for next year for of course they are all filled to capacity for this year. I am afraid this will end his education for he will probably enter the service before another year rolls by.

Perhaps we overestimated Mt. Hermon but the last thing we ever expected was to have the boy used by the Headmaster in such an unfair way that his whole outlook on life is warped. My faith is strong enough to feel sure that right will triumph in due time.

I do not look for a reply to this letter, Dr. Speer, for I realize that is expecting too much, and I want to thank you for spending the time to read this.

Sincerely yours,

Evelyn H. Schontzler

Mrs Charles Schontzler
29 West Street
Attleboro, Mass.

COPY OF MR. RUBENDALL'S LETTER

July 18, 1945

Dear Gordon:

I received your registered letter this morning, and hasten to answer it for I am distressed that you have not accepted the decision of the Executive Committee on your dismissal from Mount Hermon. You imply in your letter that it is up to me to help you out. The best possible help I can be to you now is to urge you to immediately put this experience of being dismissed from school behind you, having drawn what lessons you can from it. To continue building up excuses for yourself and laying the blame for your predicament other places is decidedly not good for a young man. I know I have told you all this before, but I repeat it because I think it is most important for you to straighten yourself out.

I am glad to hear you are getting along so famously with your summer work. If I were you, I would plan now to go to a local high school and finish your secondary course. Perhaps the high school hasn't as much to offer as a boarding school, but with your ability plus a good home environment and a good church I have no fears for you, provided, of course, that you go at this plan with the will to make the most of it.

I am advising your mother through this letter to you not to plan a trip to Mount Hermon. The fact that I will be on the campus very little during the next three weeks is not to the point as much as the fact that decision in your case was made by the Executive Committee, most of the members of which are, of course, not on the campus and could not be called together for a consultation. It is hardly necessary for me to remind you again that there is nothing in the situation which should give anyone any hope that there will be a change in the original decision of the committee. If your mother should still wish to come to talk to us here, please ask her to call ahead of time and make a definite appointment so we can be sure there will be someone here to talk with her.

I am really surprised, Gordon, that you haven't shouldered this thing and made the best of it. For your own welfare you must do that very soon. I will be very happy to hear from you when you have made definite plans for your education this coming year.

Very sincerely yours,

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29 West St.

Attleboro

Mass.

May '13, 1946

Schontzler, Evelyn Hill

My dear Dr. Speer
I want you to know what
a year has brought to our son,
Gordon Schontzler, since he was
expelled from Mt. Hermon School
when I sought your help. Last
August I went to Dean Academy
in Franklin, Mass. and talked with
the headmaster, Alexander Ewen,
telling him the whole story of
how and why Gordon was
expelled from Mt. Hermon. When I
had finished, Mr Ewen said "Gordon
must be very much upset, he
must need help and I should
like to be the one to help him."
After an interview with Gordon,
Mr. Ewen accepted him and gave
him a chance to assist in the
Science department in part payment
of his tuition. Needless to say, our
whole family was happy, especially
Gordon who took it as a
challenge to show what he was
made of.

Besides working during school

hours and after school, he has been on the football and lacrosse teams. He has taken part in two Senior plays, was selected as the student to represent Dean Academy at the Junior Town Meeting of the Air over W.B.Z. and is editor of the class year book. Also, he has been awarded the Bausch and Lomb medal for excellency in Science which gives him a chance for a scholarship to Rochester University. Added to all these facts, Gordon was chosen as Salutatorian of his class. He has stood highest in his class all year, but could not be Valedictorian having been at Dean only one year.

We are very proud of him and agree with him when he says - very often - "I was kicked up the stairs, I guess". He has worked hard at Dean and has been so happy this year that even after hearing

through local boys attending
Mt. Hermon, that boys who were
out the same night that he
was were returned on probation,
still he was glad things
happened that located him
where he is.

You may be interested to
know that my dad, Edwin Hill,
of Norwich passed away in
January. He was a true
Christian if there ever was
one and his life will always
be an inspiration to every
member of our family.

I troubled you when
things looked so black for
Gordon so I wanted you to
know how things have
turned out. How true that
"every knock is a boost"

Most sincerely,

Evelyn Hill Schontzler

Mrs. Chas. Schontzler

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5/30/46

Dear Doctor Speer...

I am enclosing herewith a half title from one of your books, with the request that you write an inscription on the blank side, so that when the page is refastened in the book it will appear opposite the title page. Please write a few sentences of personal living philosophy, a message to book lovers, or a paragraph from the book.

I have selected a paragraph that is very appropriate. It is the second paragraph on page 10. If you have no better choice a part of this paragraph would be fine.

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F. T. A.

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7/5/46

Dear Doctor Speer:

I have before me your
note of July 2, and the in-
scription for your book.

These items are fine, and
are good additions to our rapidly
increasing collection.

The inscription is lovely
and most appropriate.

I have written to the
Presbyterian Board of Missions
asking them for one of your
photographs. I have instructed
them to forward it to you
to Lakeville.

When it arrives will
you kindly inscribe it with
a few appropriate words and
sign it? You could inscribe
it to rise, or the foundation.
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Dear Doctor Speer:-

Thank you for your fine photograph - another good addition to our rapidly growing collection.

I note what you say about excusing you from further contributions.

I do not wish to annoy you, doctor, but it would not be such a hardship, would it, to send us a page of your manuscript?

You could improvise it, if you haven't any of the original.

One more little effort on your part will make your exhibit complete. And maybe if I tell you that I have written ten thousand letters like this, for sheer love of the cultural with no further remuneration than the thought that many people will be bene-

filed long after you and I are gone from
this earthly sphere, you may relent.

Anyway dear doctor, I thank you
heartily for your cooperation thus far, and
I wish you the greatest blessing from the
Giver of All Great Blessings.

I am, believe me,

Faithfully yours,

Dr. H. L. Schroeder

Schuler, Lillian M.

209 N. Portland
Ventnor, N. J.
June 1 -

Dear Dr. Speer:

A few days ago
I sent you a book with the
request that you autograph
it, but I forgot to enclose

Atlantic City.

Thank you again for
doing this..

Elizabeth's birthday is
June 11th - & I'm hoping
to send the book to her

the stamps after I found out
what the postage would be.

I paid 12 ¢ for postage
& insurance - & presume
the P. O. in Lakeville is as
generous as the one is in

for that day.

Sincerely yours,

Lillian M. Schuler

Scoville, Gordon T.

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GURDON T. SCOVILLE
MINISTER

May 9, 1947

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

By this time you are home again, I trust,
with Mrs. Speer.

I hope the rest of your trip has meant
as much to your friends in Huntingdon and Pittsburgh
as the beginning of your trip meant to us in Johnstown.
We all appreciated more than words can say your visit
with us last Sunday and your messages in the morning
and the evening.

The recordings will help us to enjoy over
and over your words. There were a number also who
could not be present last Sunday who are looking for-
ward to a later Anniversary Celebration by means of
the recorded services.

I talked last night with my father and we
hope to be in Cornwall the middle of July. We shall
surely pay you a visit then and hope you can come with
Mrs. Speer to see us at Treetop.

With warmest greetings to both of you from
all of us,

Sincerely yours,

Gordon

GTS:S

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Seaville, Katharine

May 14, 1947.

Dear Rob

It was a great disappointment that I could not be at Gordon's for his anniversary. He told me what a splendid talk you gave both at the morning & evening service, & he was much pleased that you spoke of my father at the evening service. Perhaps he told you that I was visiting Alice down in Kentucky where they have been for 3 years.

They are leaving there
this month to live in
Putland Vermont, so
it was my only chance
to visit them. Regret-
ting that I could not
hear you in Gurdon's
church, & with love to
you & Emma, affectionately
Katharine.

Mrs. Samuel Scoville, Jr.

Shaffer, Glenn M.

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Synod of Pennsylvania
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GLENN M. SHAFER, STATED CLERK

243 South Hanover Street

Carlisle, Pa.

July 10, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

On behalf of our Synod of Pennsylvania, and for myself personally, I wish to express appreciation for the inspiring devotional services which you conducted for us at our recent meeting at Wilson College. If the Lord permits us to work together another year I am sure the Synod will want you to be with us then, and I trust that you will keep free the week of June 16th in the hope that you may be with us at our Synod meeting then. An order is being drawn on the Harrisburg National Bank which you will receive in a few days as a token of our appreciation of your presence and helpfulness.

With warm personal regards,

Cordially yours,

Glenn M. Shaffer

Sheppard, Russell G.

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April 27, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Doctor Speer:

A testimonial dinner honoring Dr. Norman Vincent Peale will be held in the ballroom of the Roosevelt Hotel the evening of May ninth.

This is a request for a letter from you to Dr. Peale. As a token of our appreciation for his vast usefulness, a portfolio of letters from distinguished people and many of his friends will be presented to him at the dinner as a memento of the occasion.

This, of course, is to be a surprise, so will you please direct your letter to my attention. Your response to this request will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Russell G. Sheppard

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January 31, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

It was a real satisfaction to hear you yesterday in the First Church, Philadelphia, as I was passing through the city.

A business associate who was with me and who was for years a national leader of the Y.M.C.A. heard you first 45 years ago and I first heard you as a boy 35 years ago. We were both inspired by the sermon and agreed as we walked from the church that you and your message had everything that caught us years ago and something more. We just wanted to say that to you. It cannot be said, as you well know, about many men who have joined the ranks of "emeriti".

I said to my friend that I wished that my boy who is in prep school could hear that very sermon and I believed that it would catch him more than the younger churchmen he hears who are supposed to be specialists on youth.

Sincerely yours,

Carlton M. Sherwood



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Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer

It was a genuine delight to me to hear your message on
"Discouragement" last Sunday morning.

The Upper Room, as you probably know, publishes a few
booklets in addition to the quarterly itself. We have a
series called "The Comfort Series" which includes messages
by Dr. Weatherhead, Dr. Smart, Dr. Stanley Jones and
others. (I am sending you copies of these.)

I would like very much to include your message of last
Sunday in this series. We are willing to pay you \$100.00
for the manuscript.

Sincerely yours

Roy H. Short
F.B.

RHS:FB

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

I am sure that you are familiar with the ministry of The Upper Room. Two million copies of this devotional booklet go each quarter into homes all over the world. It is published in Spanish, Portuguese, and Braille, as well as in English, and plans are now under way to put it into Chinese, German, and French.

We are anxious for the January, 1948, issue to contain meditations by outstanding religious leaders of many lands. We are writing to ask if you will furnish us one of those meditations. You may choose any text you see fit and develop the meditation in your own way. We will be glad to pay you \$10.00 for this meditation. A meditation for The Upper Room requires only one page of typed copy, double spaced. I am attaching a sample page that you may have before you our format.

We would like to have your reply as promptly as possible, and the copy itself by April 1, 1947. If at the same time you could send us one or two extra meditations on any theme you choose, we would be glad to have them for future issues and to pay for them at the same rate. I know there are many demands upon your time, but we will appreciate your giving this request your serious consideration.

Sincerely yours

Roy H. Short

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March 11, 1947

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

My delay in carrying out my impulse to write you to thank you again for your presence with us in our Harrisburg World Day of Prayer Service has had one good result. It has given others time to call me to express their appreciation of your message and the very great help you have been to them.

My personal satisfaction over the meeting was immediate and continuing; for I was very greatly helped personally and I had every reason to feel that you had brought the message that would answer the expressed need of our group. It has been an added comfort to have so many others tell me that they had been strengthened in their spiritual lives because of your words.

For myself and for all the women who were present, I want to say another fervent and sincere "Thank-you" and to express our very best wishes to you for future days.

Gratefully,

Justina L. Showers
Mrs. J. Balmer Showers

Shultis, F.C.

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Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.
156 Fifth Ave.
New York

Dear Dr. Speer;-

In the Golden Nineties
I saw you on the Seminary Campus between twelve and one o'clock
playing foot ball. You happened to come near the Refrectory
where I was standing; you were in the front of the bunch that
was following the ball; I have not forgotten the picture.

Various things have happened since then. I have been
here for over 30 years and am out of touch with the various
Boards. I would like a wedding booklet containing the cer-
tificate; I am enclosing check for one dollar to your order;
please have it sent to me.

I see I did not mention Princeton, but no doubt it
would suggest itself to you.

Thanking you for your kindness in having the booklet
sent to me, I am

Most Cordially Yours,

F. C. Shultis
F.C. Shultis

Garrochales
Puerto Rico
September 14th 1944

29 So. Lakeside Drive

Silverthorn, A. P.

Sebring, Florida,
Jan, 15, 1947,

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.,

My dear Rob -

I was most pleasantly surprised to receive a letter from you. It brought back many old memories. How well do I recall those few short months when we were in Huntington High School. I remember my first day when Walter H. Chase examined me in a first-floor room and sent me up to sit with Rob Stevens (I am not sure of the spelling of his name) In front of me sat Horace Johnston. He turned around and said "Where did you come from?" I said "from Oil City," and said I had been in Oil City about 3 weeks. Had I said "from Shade Valley," doubtless I would have received the same treatment as a boy who came from Intermountain a few weeks later. He was ridden on a rail and life made so intolerable that he quit school. Having come from a city I was cordially accepted. Such is life. As I had taught school the previous winter I was pressed into service as a supply. I taught in every room except the primary.

You will recall the circumstances under which Chase was taken away. Then Heber M. Hugh had to take over Chase's duties. Miss Rachel Mary Miller had Heber's work. After Jan. 1st I was used as teacher in the lower classes of the High School. As my own studies were heavy for me, the labor of teaching made it necessary for me to work often till one o'clock at night. I stood the work Jan. & Feb. but quit the public school.

about the 1st of Mar, and went up to the College.
I am telling you all this because of what I think
was a good joke on me. It had never occurred
to me to expect any pay for what I did. A few
years ago some one asked what they paid me.
The question came as a sort of surprise to me and
I scratched my head and said; "why, I never thought
of that - they didn't pay me anything;" Well, I
got some valuable experience, no doubt.

I am happy to say that Cora and I are fairly
well and living a very quiet, simple life.
The Florida climate agrees with me.

By the way, Dr. Norman J. Brumbaugh is with us
and expects to stay till April at least, just now
he is out playing golf.

Our pastor, Rev. L. L. Price had the pleasure of
meeting you at some conference.

If you come to Florida try to come to Sebring.
Dr. McKenzie of Juniata College arrived here last night.
We had some difficulty in finding a room for him.

Very sincerely,

A. J. Silverthorn

Simpson, Dorothy K.

Huntingdon, Pa

October 9-1946

My dear Dr. Spier:

Warren's family and I
deeply appreciate your comforting
letter of sympathy.

Warren often spoke of you
and of the fine times you and he
had hunting and fishing when
you were young. He loved the
hills and mountains around our
town, they somehow seemed to be
a part of him.

He was very brave all

through his sickness which lasted
about four years, in fact, I have
never known such courage in
an illness such as he had.

Very sincerely.

Dorothy K. Simpson

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Dear Friend:

Bills which authorize immigration and naturalization of nationals of India are now pending in both Houses of Congress. Passage of the bills would mean (1) that nationals of India may become citizens of the United States, and (2) that about 75 nationals of India may enter the United States under a quota.

A foundation for the democratic post-war world we are seeking can be built now in a better understanding among different peoples, which must include the end of racist theories implied in the exclusion of Asiatics. Recently this was recognized when the Chinese, as part of the United Nations, were given the privilege of immigration and naturalization. Indians, too, are fighting for their freedom. A powerful blow for democracy and against Japanese propaganda can be struck by legislation which recognizes their equality.

Among the prominent Americans who have given their support to this bill are John Dewey, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, William Benton, A. Philip Randolph, Pearl Buck, Albert Einstein, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Marshall Field, Father John LaFarge and Dr. Alvin S. Johnson.

May we have your support for this legislation?

Hearings on the bill, which has been introduced by Representatives Clare Boothe Luce, Republican, and Emanuel Celler, Democrat, will be held soon by the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization. Your approval would be valuable in arousing other Americans to an understanding of the situation and the wide support for the bill which can secure its immediate passage. A postcard is enclosed for your convenience. If you care, in addition, to send us a brief statement, it will be extremely helpful.

Yours sincerely,

INDIA LEAGUE OF AMERICA

J. J. Singh, President

S Killman, D.

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DAVID B. SKILLMAN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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EASTON, PA.

October 29, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

When I wrote Dr. Downs some time ago, visualizing to him the difficulty of finding a letter printed in the Easton Argus years ago without any more specific information, I didn't know what I was talking about. A little investigation, which I have now made following the receipt of your letter of some weeks ago, discloses to me for the first time that this letter is the subject of a controversy which still rages. (I enclose a photostatic copy of it which you may forward to Dr. Downs as I do not need it again.)

I learn that after its publication in the Easton Argus in 1872 it was reprinted in over one hundred places. Recently it was the subject of an article in the Literary Digest of November 1940 under the caption, "Religious Tolerance, Seventeenth Century Style". More recently it was the subject of a pamphlet by one David Rankin Barbee of Washington, D.C. The name of the pamphlet is, "Did James F. Shunk forge the Cotton Mather Letter? The answer, Definitely NO." I am sending for three copies of this pamphlet and when they arrive I will send one to you and one to Dr. Downs.

My friend, John C. Pohl, of Easton, an active member of our Historical Society wrote me some months ago asking me to examine a copy of Mr. Barbee's pamphlet which was in the College Library. He only indicated, however, that it was of local historic interest and I did not have an opportunity to examine it. Otherwise, I would have known about this letter when Dr. Downs first wrote to me. Mr. Pohl has assembled a number of letters and excerpts from a biographical writing respecting Mr. Shunk in a manuscript folder on deposit in the Easton Library. I could have copies of any of this material made if you or Dr. Downs desire it. From Mr. Pohl's material I learn that James Finley Shunk, son of Pennsylvania's Governor, was born in Harrisburg April 18, 1836. He attended the Harrisburg Academy, graduated at the University of Virginia. It is said of him that he used "the raciest English that flowed from the pen of any writer for the press in Pennsylvania". He came to Easton as Editor of the Argus on March 1st, 1869 from York where he evidently had been in the newspaper business and where he married the daughter of Judge Jeremiah S. Black. He left Easton in December of 1872 and died in Harrisburg on January 20, 1874.

DAVID B. SKILLMAN

Dr. Speer

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Oct. 29, 1946

From this you will observe that he died while still a young man and that his sojourn in Easton was very brief. I have not been able to find anyone who has any recollection of him, which is not to be wondered at in view of the date of his departure from here, nor have any of the newspaper men whom I consulted any recollection of him.

In spite of Mr. Barbee's argument that the letter is genuine, our Librarian, Mr. Richard Minnich, who has given a great deal of thought and study to this subject, is of the opinion that the letter purported to be written by Cotton Mather is a hoax. He points out that at the supposed time of its writing, Cotton Mather was but nineteen years of age, that in spite of the extensive research into Cotton Mather made by New England Historians, this letter was never brought to light. He asks how did such a letter come into the possession of a Country Editor in Pennsylvania; and if it did, why wasn't it preserved for Mr. Shunk who was an educated and intelligent man and as I said before, the letter was almost immediately reprinted a hundred times. He knew of its importance for he wrote another editorial in June of 1870 in the Argue. This second editorial is reprinted in Mr. Barbee's pamphlet and you will see it there when I get it.

If there is any more on this subject that you or Dr. Downs would like to have, please let me know and I will try to dig it up for you.

Sincerely,



DBS:MP
c/c Dr. Downs

P.S. As you doubtless know, Miss Clara has been quite miserable for the past few weeks. She has not written me but I have heard from her thru Mrs. Graham, a young lady in the bank who does the things for Miss Clara that Bob Watson used to do. Mrs. Graham's last letter said that Miss Clara was considerably improved and had been able to go driving twice.

Peter Emmons is conducting the special services at our First Presbyterian Church of Easton which you conducted last year. D.B.S.

Skillman, D.

DBS

DAVID B. SKILLMAN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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November 23, 1946

Dr. Francis Shunk Downs
753 Santa Barbara Road
Berkeley 7, California

Dear Dr. Downs:

The enclosed letter will explain why you are not receiving a copy of Mr. Barbee's pamphlet. As you will observe from this letter, the earnest Mr. Barbee is not too richly endowed with a sense of humor. It would appear that your kinsman, Mr. Shunk, had more.

I was greatly interested in reading your church bulletins. They indicate a very live church, doing a great work. In that connection you may know that Ralph Hutchison is working on the organization of a student church here at college. It is designed primarily to keep alive participation in real church activities during the four years of college when the student is absent from his own church. If it actually comes into being we will discontinue compulsory chapel attendance, which we have had from the beginning. I wish you were close at hand to give us advice and guidance.

With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely,

DBS:EB

David B. Skillman

CC: Dr. Robert E. Speer, Lakeville, Conn.
Postscripts to Dr. Speer

P.S. No. 1 I am amused at Barbee's reference to your "harsh judgment." Harsh to whom, Cotton Mather or Shunk or just Mr. Barbee?

P.S. No. 2 My latest news from Miss Clara is that she walked to the bank and back and transacted business there and all without undue fatigue.

D. B. S.

DAVID B. SKILLMAN
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2838- 28th St., NW
Washington, 8 D. C.
October 30, 1946

Mr. David B. Skillman,
Attorney at Law,
301-2 Easton Trust Building,
Easton, Penna.

Dear Mr. Skillman:

I am no end sorry that the supply of the Shunk pamphlet is exhausted, and that I cannot send you even one copy of it.

Would it be violating a confidence if you let me see the letters of Rev. Robert E. Speer and Rev. Francis Shunk Downs? I will return them pronto.

Dr. Speer, in The Sunday School Times (June 29, 1946) denounced the Cotton Mather letter as a "forgery" and James F. Shunk as "the forger". I don't think he had ever made any investigation of the matter. He based his harsh judgment on the mere statement of "Thomas J. Holmes, librarian of the William Gwinn Mather library in Cleveland, Ohio."

The only person in Pennsylvania who has shown any interest in my study of this letter and in my defense of the character of James F. Shunk - one of Pennsylvania's greatest sons - was dear old John F. Pohl, to whom I wish you would show this epistle. Not a single professor of history in the State even acknowledged the receipt of a gift of the pamphlet.

From a New England historian, Ernest Gordon, came this approval: "Mr. Barbee seems to have made his points in this brilliant essay."

Thank you for your interest in the matter.

Yours very truly,

David Rankin Barbee

JMS

REV. THOMAS M. SLATER D. D.

6 CARTERET STREET

UPPER MONTCLAIR, N. J.

July 9th, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer,

Dear Dr. Speer:-

I am herewith submitting for your inspection a tract re Christian support of the Secret Lodge System. During the past year this discussion has been read with approval by about twenty different Seminaries and Bible Schools and provided for free distribution among the student body in each place. At present I am in correspondence with the leaders of various Christian Conferences, some of which will have copies for free circulation. I have done this on my own initiative and expense, (I have no official relation with organization named) only so far as freewill offerings have been given.

It deals with a question about which people are divided, as about so many other moral issues. I have had no opportunity of knowing your personal attitude toward ^{such} institutions ^{as} Masonry, but with the tremendous popularity and influence of these institutions either for good or evil, it seems impossible that any thoughtful Christian should go through his whole life with no opinion about Secretism one way or another. The witnesses I have named are reasonably "eminent", and if you are in sympathy with their testimony, are you willing to add or quote any like sentiments?

In His faithfulness,

Thomas M. Slater

Thomas M. Slater

Smedberg, Alberto E.

JS/

73 Oakland Road,
Southington, Conn,
September 1, 1945.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for letting us use your quotation!

As requested in your letter dated August 30th. I am
herewith sending the quotation:

"Life is a great, worthy, holy, and divine thing. Life
is to used as a sacred trust. Life is to be a cup out of which thirsty
men and women are to be given drink. Our lives are bread, by which
hungry men and women are to be fed. We are in the world, like our Master,
not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give our lives as
ransoms for many."

I think this is a beautiful ^{quotation} and as I was the one that
wrote the worship service where this is to be used, I really appreciate
the honor you have given us in letting us use this. We hope that these
worship services that we are writing. Will be of great help to our
Connecticut women.

Thanking you again, I am,

Very sincerely,

Alberta E. Smedberg
Alberta E. Smedberg,
(Mrs. Wm.R.)

Smith, Lilly Dice

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708 Franklin St.
Vancouver, Wash.
May 20, 1944

Rev. Robt. E. Speer, D.D.
156 Fifth Ave.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:- You have known of long standing about my interest in, and prayers for the return of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. to the "old paths". In a recent letter from the editor of The Presbyterian Guardian he said that many in this church are proud to call themselves "Evangelical" but are not doing anything to bring their church back to that position and testimony.

I trust the enclosed communications may reveal some facts not hitherto known. My sending them is not presumption. I have adapted and memorized I Cor. 8:2 : If any woman thinketh she knoweth anything she knoweth nothing yet as she ought to know.

I pray that the General Assembly this year may not cause other churches and the "world" to criticize the "once faithful, once great denomination."

Instead of seeking union with the Episcopal Church why not beseech God to fill the hearts of all Presbyterians, of all nations with a consuming desire to lead in a world revival under the power of the Holy Ghost. If God-directed, do you know of a better instrument?

Yours, in devotion to my household of faith and the Lord whom we serve.

Mrs. Lilly Dice Smith

Snare, Fred

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Dr. Robert Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Rob:

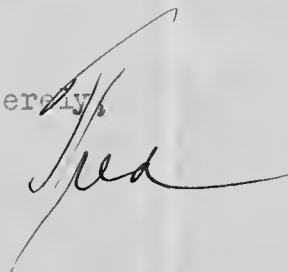
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I have been having correspondence with George Wharton Pepper brought about by my reading his very interesting book "Philadelphia Lawyer" and in it he referred to the death of his brother-in-law, Allison Scott. You may not remember Al but he is one of the John Scott family. I was so interested that I wrote to Mr. Pepper and told him of a photograph I have of a lot of young people from Huntingdon who were having a picnic at Juniata Crossings. In it are about twenty, The Brown boys and the daughter Ellen (whom I later married). The two Scotts--Irv and Al. And a lot of others of that same class of young people, including Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Gage, chaperones. I thought he would be interested in having a copy of that picture and I sent it to him.

In writing I referred to the fact that there are so few left of that vintage. I mentioned John Scott and your Aunt Clara, and that gave me an opportunity also to mention your name, and in my letter I queried as to whether he knew you or not, which brought forth this letter, copy of which I enclose. I am sending you this letter because Odell was in the office this morning and I read it to him and he said you would be much interested.

I am glad to have a report from Odell that you are improved in health. The last time he was here he spoke of your not being well.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



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PEPPER, BODINE, STOKES & SCHOCH
2225-42 Land Title Building
Philadelphia - 10

March 22, 1945

Frederick Snare, Esq.,
Paseo de Marti 360
Havana, Cuba

Dear Mr. Snare:

I am very glad to have your letter of March 14th and shall look forward with interest to the arrival of the photograph through the kindness of Mr. Peters. I shall do my best to have adequate copies made. I think your daughter quite right in insisting that the original should be restored to your possession.

I note with particular interest your reference to Al Scott's parents and their contemporaries. I have a warm regard for Mr. Dorris whom I met in Huntingdon when I was in the Senate. You say that you are sure that I know of Dr. Robert Speer. You are quite right. I suffer considerably from a football injury to one of my legs, which resulted from the attempt of Dr. Speer and the late Dr. Irvine of Mercersburg (playing on the Princeton football team) to carry the two ends of me around opposite sides of the goal post. Something had to give way - and it was not the goal post!

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) George Wharton Pepper

Snare, Fred

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May 24, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Rob:

I am glad to have this note from you and to learn from it that you have been to Huntingdon, and on a very festive occasion.

I have looked over this program of the proceedings of the 150th anniversary and I see no familiar names except yourself, and on the list of the Committee: Anna Fisher, Margaretta Robb and Charlie Reed. A trip to Huntingdon nowadays is rather a doleful proceeding, as you have discovered, in the respect that there are so few that you know.

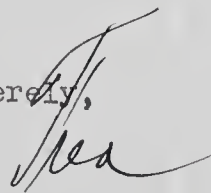
Glad to get a report about Aunt Clara--that she is still in good health.

Huntingdonians are scarce articles in my life, I must say, but next month there will arrive here in Havana, in accordance with a notice from Julia Lyttle Hatfield, a Barbara Steel. She is one of the Steel family that we all knew. A top graduate of Bryn Mawr and has to do with a publishing-distributing house. She is making a tour through the Caribbean Islands, including Cuba. She was here once before and really is quite a person.

I have just been reading a letter from Randall Cremer. He is in charge of our business in Colombia, South America. Randall is quite a distinguished engineer and has done lots of important work since he left MIT to come with us.

Very best regards.

Sincerely,



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Speer, Rollo C.

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ROLLO C. SPEER D. D., MINISTER

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Jul 5th 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

My daughter, Eleanor, is working this summer at Sleaghton Farm, just outside Philadelphia as College Counsellor. She is to be a Junior in Redlands University next year and has been elected as President of the College Y.W.C.A. While she is at Sleaghton Farm she will spend several week ends with my second daughter, Mrs Laura Hollar whose husband is in charge of Fordhook Farm of the W. Atlæ Burpee Seed Co. On one week end they expect to visit New York and I covet for her the opportunity to run out and meet you folks on account of Mrs Speer's long tenure as National Y.W.C.A. president.

This is to enquire whether you will be in your home this summer and whether it would be possible to meet my daughter for just a brief call. It has been a matter of giving Eleanor the advantage of seeing the East that we have consented to her going so far away for work and while she is there I would like her to have just this one other valuable contact.

Sincerely yours,

Rollo C. Speer

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ROLLO C. SPEER D. D., MINISTER

August 5th '46

Dear Dr. Speer:

Eleanor writes that her time off is so limited that it is extremely doubtful whether she can get up to see you. Laura, who lives at Doylestown is an expectant mother so it is not very wise for her to travel now so it may be that my hopes will come to naught. I had wanted very much for Eleanor to meet you. Thanks for your kind directions and willingness to meet them.

Our work here continues on into Peace time with unabated obligations and opportunities of serving to this great shifting population - truly a terrifying development in American Church life.

Sincerely yours,

Rollo C. Speer

Springer, J. W.

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Emsworth United Presbyterian Church

J. W. Springer, *Minister*

237 Clearview Road

Bellevue Station, Emsworth, Pa. Feb. 9, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer,

Lakeville, Conn.

Sir:- It was my privilege to hear you address our Young People's Convention at Saratoga, N.Y..

I believe it was in the year 1898. Ever since that date I have longed to know something of the secret of your spiritual achievements.

My "Morning Watch" experiences have never been satisfying. Would you be kind enough to suggest a few rules that might help in this important matter. I'm quite sure that my love for the Saviour is not warm-hearted enough.

Thanks for any suggestions you might offer.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. Springer



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Robert E. Aheer
"Rockledge"
Lakewood
Conn.

Sprout, James Sweet Mountain Tenn
Dec. 17. 1946

Dear Dr. Speer: Love

I knew you would be
interested in knowing that we received
news from my sister, Mrs. Lacy L. Little, in
Greensboro. to the effect that Brother Lacy
died away home yesterday, after an
illness of a year. He has been practically un-
conscious all that time, and it has been a
long vigil for Nell. I will not be able to go
to her, I regret to say. I know she'll appreciate
it if you can find time for a note, for Brother
Lacy loved you so thru the years.
With love to you and Mrs. Speer - James Sprout

Nell's address: 701 N. Greene St.
Greensboro, N.C.

Stahl, William

W.S.



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WILLIAM S. LIVENGOOD, JR.
SECRETARY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

May 29, 1945.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

It was a real pleasure as well as an inspiration to have the privilege of reading the enclosed booklet which I return with many thanks.

I am not unmindful of the many pleasant greetings from both you and Mrs. Speer as you passed the desk while I was serving as clerk in "The Northfield" hotel years ago.

Sincerely,

William Stahl.



WILLIAM S. LIVENGOOD, JR.
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HARRISBURG

Stahl, William

WAS

May 26, 1945.

Mr. John Biddle, Editor,
Huntingdon Daily News,

Dear Mr. Biddle;

A student who is writing a paper
on the life of a present day Religious Leader has
asked me for some assistance.

The person in question is a man
born in your city, Dr. Robert E. Speer. It
occurred to me that probably you may have some
old write-ups or information which will be helpful.
Something about his early life, -characteristics
and things leading in the development of his great-
ness as a Religious Leader.

For any information which you may
give I will be very grateful and return copy if
desired.

Sincerely,

William Stahl.

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Millville

December 6, 1944.

Dear Doctor Speer:

I am writing an article concerning "favorite hymns." In it I should like very much to mention your favorite.

If you are willing for me to do so, will you, when informing me its name, please tell me (also for use) how it came to be your choice and also if you have had any experience when the hymn proved to be an inspiration or brought comfort, cheer or courage to you?

An addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Respectfully,


Francis A. Stanger, Jr.

Doctor Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

(Stebbins) "Uncle George"

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83 HIGH STREET
CATSKILL, N. Y.

Feb. 7/40

Dear Robert -

The Pymer book that you kindly
sent me at Abington, as well as your greeting
was read eagerly on all of the evenings
we, and I am grateful to you for
it. Its arrival found me in bed,
weak and now convalescing, beginning to
recover from a serious attack of pneu-
monia and it came very near taking
me beyond the veil! It ~~was~~ ^{is} ~~also~~ ^{also} ~~left~~
me very weak but happy, writing

in love,

I am up & the room, however exercising to get back my strength, and am encouraged to hope for getting on my feet again ere long. In all respects but depth of strength in ^{exercising} walking, I feel as well as ever, and life is going along in a normal way.

I hope you and Mrs Spurr are keeping well, and with my love to you both I am to the end of the long long road ever gratefully and affectionately

Your Uncle George

To city and its President, and by
you are the high points in my
bentley mail which came up on
the day when I came back
to my desk for the first since
my three months in bed.
I hate you have been speaking
some where a habit you have a
a blind habit you indeed, for
where ever you indulge it blessing
follows in your wake.

What a joy to have your laughter
home from this. My love comes
with this affectionately Uncle Gump

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HENRY STEVENS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS

Jan. 18, 1946.

Dr. Robert E. Spears,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Spears,

Last August my wife, my daughter and I were visiting in Montreat.

We attended the services conducted by you, as I remember, beginning the 23rd day of August, last and these services ended on the 26th day of August.

We enjoyed your services very much. In one of them you dwelt, as I remember, upon the prayer life of our Savior, and in the discourse you made some comment on the "cup" as found in the prayer in the garden of Gethsemane.

When I come to think of the services while in Montreat, and especially, the one on the prayer in Gethsemane, it occurs to me that you made some comment with reference to "the cup" hereinabove referred to, and suggested that it did not mean "the cross".

I would like for you, if it is not asking too much, to give me your comment in this connection with reference to "the cup". That is, is our Savior asking if it is the will of the Father, to let the punishment of the cross "pass"?

I hope you are in good health and that you may enjoy all of the New Year fully.

Yours very truly,

Henry Stevens
Henry Stevens.

Stewart, S. Arthur

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October 11

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Robt W. Speer D.D.
156 Fifth Ave
New York.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Have just finished your tribute to Dr Hayes in the Presbyterian. Read it with interest. My oldest brother, T.D. Stewart, (he was 20 years my senior) was pastor for a quarter of a century of Unity church in Shenango Presbytery, where the Hayes and Young families were leaders. Wat (as every one called him) was 6 years behind my brother in both Westminster college and Western Seminary.

He was regarded by all, as the strong man who went out of the Presbyterian head and shoulders above all the others, and that Presbytery has sent some able men into our ministry.

Thank you for your fitting tribute.

With kindest personal regards

Sincerely

S. Arthur Stewart

A.S.

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville,
Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

It has been a long time since the Bible Society has come to you with a request. This year I am seeking to have the strongest possible statements regarding the value of the Bible made by those who speak out of the widest experience. I have already published one by Dr. Coffin and have one in the press from Dr. Mott. Would you be willing to write a statement of about six or seven hundred words for us to appear as the leading editorial in the March issue of the Bible Society Record? We would like to have it on hand about the 10th of January. We should indeed be most grateful to you if you could find time to make this contribution to our work.

Very sincerely yours,

Francis C. Stifler
Secretary for Public Relations

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Stoetzer, Margaret B.

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MSB

315 First St.
Fairmont, W. Va.

Feb. 9 - 1944.

Dr. Robert E. Spur: -

Dear Sir: -

Do you recall asking me
for a number of old Missionary
Magazines that had belonged to
my grandmother, Margaret Gay
of Morgantown?

It was when Dr. Stoetzer and
I met you in Pittsburgh at
the Assembly in 1931, ten days before
Kumars was "called home"

I kept the magazines for the 100th
anniversary of our local Missionary
society, and have just neglected
sending them. I know you have
severed your connection with
our Board, but to keep my promise
I want to send the magazines
to you, and you can pass them
on, if you desire, to where they
may complete some file.

Having spent so many years in the
office, they are not very fresh looking.
Please write me if you want them
or if you do not, direct me where
to send them. I think, with pleasure,
of your friendship with my dear husband
and I do trust you are well and enjoying
your well earned rest.
I am living alone, in an home, facing
the "sun set of life". With best wishes and
hoping to hear from you. Cordially yours
(Mrs. H. G.) Margaret B. Stetzer

Stoetzer, Margaret B.

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Feb. 22, 1944.

My dear Dr. Speer: -

I am sending, today,
all the old Missionary magazines
I have, to you by R. R.
express. They show their
age and long residence
in family attics.

I tried to clean them the
best I could, but was not
very successful. + Theological Mag.
The copies of the "Western Society" belong
to my ancestor

Col. Wm. McLeary, an officer in the Revolution, also the first Elder, and founder of the Morgantown Presbyterian Church.

The "Missionary Chronicle" belonged to my grandmother, Ms. Margaret Gay. She was a friend of Louisa Lavery, and some of the magazines contain letters from Dr. Lavery, telling of their long trip to India in 1834, and of her death.

I had the first minutes of our Foreign Borne but some years ago I gave the copy to Miss Clark ~~the~~ Lloyd, of our church, to take to India for their archives. I am sending ^{minutes} the 2nd, 11

Tavimant was called Middletown in the early days and I found mention of our society, then called, the "Female Cent Soc." sending money to make their Pastor

Stokes, John H.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
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John H. Stokes, M. D., *Director*
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
36th and Spruce Streets
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

April 9, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speare
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Speare:

The University of Pennsylvania School of Education and the Institute for the Study of Venereal Disease have for three successive years now, given an orientation course in so-called Health and Human Relations, which is intended to cover the sex life of ~~the~~^{the} human being in all its best as well as its worst possibilities. The fourth such course will be given from June 27 to July 31.

I have, through force of circumstances, carried the directorship of this enterprise with the aid of a steering committee. Ever since its inception, I have felt that we needed some form of representation of the church in the presentation of material of this sort. Occasionally we have had a churchman sit on our advisory committee, but only this year has the steering committee unqualifiedly endorsed, if not insisted, that a distinguished churchman or church layman, be asked to help us in this work.

The steering committee has unanimously requested that I approach you as a church layman of brilliant and widely known talent, to address our class group on the orientation of morale or moral problems of sex behavior with the ideals and discipline of the church. We have especially turned to a church layman because of our hope that the contact with the earthy realities of the situation will be close enough to make the spiritual inspiration bear practical fruit.

Would you be willing to consider addressing us in this capacity? The University is able to pay a small stipend which is frankly, no attraction at all, plus travel. If you could give us a full day of your time, it might be possible to have you lead a forum discussion or round table in the afternoon, after a formal address in the morning.

In order not to leave this request undocumented, I enclose you herewith the carbon copy of the announcement of the fourth course, as well as the printed copy of the third (last year's) course. The fourth course announcements have not yet come from the University printer.

I also venture to enclose a little more of what we call documentation, in the way of papers, mimeographed addresses, and so on, which will give you some indication of our "slant". I may say that the audience

Dr. Speare

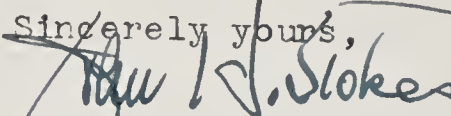
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probably will include between 50 and 100 key persons who will exert an influence, as have our trainees in the past, upon the course of this field of activity throughout the country. The request that an able churchman present the moral alignment of the problem comes not from myself and my ~~power~~ steering committee alone, but from a number of students who have had the course in the past.

If you are disposed to consider this invitation favorably, you will be approached in the near future by the subchairman of the section in which your address would fall in our curricular set-up.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John H. Stokes", with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

John H. Stokes, M.D.

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(Stone) John Timothy

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Robert;

I am not quite sure that I dropped you a line, but we were exceedingly grateful to get your personal note, and Lillie greatly appreciated it. It took us back to Diamond Pone, and your dear home there, with all its love and devotion.

My sister Susia was an earnest, self-sacrificing Christian woman, and was greatly appreciated in Berea where she had taught. One by one we go, but, after all, the blessing of the dear father goes with us. Have you seen this little poem from Peleliu? I have another copy.

Affectionately,

John Timothy

Stone, John T.

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Dear Bob

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bless you" and "many
Happy Returns" Your
life is and ever has been
an inspiration

Love to all
John Timothy

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Dear Bob

No doubt the little book
has reached you before this.
It was good to hear from you.
Jim Strong wrote me about
his wife, she was a dear soul,
Has been helping out at Labor

Trust. Our love to you all,
I do hope you keep well

I gave up the Sun. Soc club

I was not needed there,

Ever affly
John D. Smith

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JOHN H. STRONG
EIGHT LARCHMONT AVENUE
LARCHMONT, N. Y.

March 29, 1944.

Dear Robert:

Back from Erie, Pa., where I have been giving a course, I find the Union Seminary Review waiting for me, bringing your thorough-going and timely article on the Consciousness of Christ. Thank you exceedingly for it. May it have the circulation it deserves!

Your diagnosis of present-day trends is assuring. A courageous, believing reaction against shallow, non-experimental humanism has seemed long overdue. This war, like "the law" in Paul's day, is educating us in rational self-distrust and has shipwrecked us on a Lord who by astonishing answers to prayer is shivering into kindling-wood the dogmatic theories of anti-supernaturalism. You do the church a service in recalling the wealth still stored away in those old Titans, Bushness, Ullmann and others. It is time more of us stopped being "apologists" and took the offensive, holding deniers to the alternatives of bowing to John's Gospel as basis for our estimate of Christ's Person or discarding it as a misleading improvisation; accepting our Lord's self-estimate or dismissing him as a madman — a deceiver no one will after nineteen centuries of history think him.

A note from Mrs. Coleman tells me she is expecting a visit from Margaret. What a good time awaits those two after so long a separation. The days when we went down the Swift Diamond seem now far away yet they live in fragrant memory. Give my affectionate greetings to Margaret, as to Emma. I hope your news from Constance and William are good. It is a solemn thing to see a world crumble before our eyes while a new world is in process of being born which we cannot see. Will it be like the old? It cannot, without being worse. We must be all we want the new world to be. We can give only what we have, and we can really have only what we are. How wonderful that all we would be and are not Christ overflowing is!

Ever affectionately,

John H. S.

Strong, John H.

EIGHT LARCHMONT AVENUE
LARCHMONT, NEW YORK

June 10, 1944.

Dear Robert:

On Tuesday the twentieth of June Dick and I celebrate
our Golden Wedding, and our good friend, Charles B. King,
has persuaded us to receive our friends at "Dolphin Court",
his home on the water, One Beach Avenue, from four o'clock on.
How we should love to see you and Emma! Is it possible that
you may be anywhere near? We are not allowing gifts, --
just pleasant thoughts and golden wishes from those we love,
especially valued when directly from producer to consumer.
With affectionate thoughts from both,
John H. S. Strong

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JOHN HENRY STRONG
CHRISTMAS COVE, MAINE

August 3, 1944

Dear Robert:

What a lot those golden good wishes from Lakeville did for our 50th Anniversary! If only you and Emma and Margaret could have been there! Yet we had your near-presence in those golden thoughts.

It was vastly more than I had expected, with a family dinner of fifteen on the evening preceding and a reception next day at our dear friend, Charles King's, in his museum-like home close to the water. Two of the original party only were with us,— Lill McCreery from Pittsburgh, Lide's bridesmaid cousin, and John Rockefeller, jr., an usher. Elizabeth, Emmy and Dorothy, Bill's wife, spiced things up for us all. Fifty years wakes a host of memories, interesting and merciful. We have not been without burdens and sorrows, but they have not left us where they found us, but have left a deposit which now we would not be without. How good God has been to me, Robert, in the gift of your friendship, ever a stimulus and joy to me! With love to you all,

Affectionately and gratefully,

John H. S.

Eight Larchmont Ave. (Strong) John
29 3-8-45

Dear Robert: How are you now? I hope
quite recovered, but I want the assurance.
Lida has just had a slight accident to her
knee and is recovering. We both find certain
screws loose. She warns, "Avoid the Seventies!"
But what if you are stuck in them? Leap over
quickly into the Eighties, sooner I suppose be
the direction. My love to you and Emma. I remember

John

Yours daily.

March 8/45

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MRS. JOHN HENRY STRONG
8 LARCHMONT AVENUE
LARCHMONT, NEW YORK

April 3, '45

Dear Robert:

How good that sight of you and your ruddy countenance was, the day Lide and I met you in that rendezvous of tasty stews! And on your way to Chicago to do some work! Twice welcome the news! May you have a happy time of it, spreading blessing as you do wherever you go.

It was good too to hear that Emma was well. She, I know, has passed through a strain of no slight dimensions during this illness of yours and shares generously in the joy of your recovery. Don't you think Allen Hinton's ice cream, copiously absorbed early in life, put longevity into us?

I too face an opportunity next week. They have asked me to give them four days at the Eastern Baptist Seminary in Phila., talking on the subject of my book (Jesus: Man of Prayer, now under consideration of Scribner's). Let me have the blessing of your prayers. I should

deeply value yours and Emma's remembrance.

Yours, with the same oldtime affection
ever deepening,

John A. S.

My days in Phila. are the tenth through the
thirteenth.

(Strong) John

Yale Club
Vanderbilt Avenue and Forty-fourth Street
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April 16/45

Dear Robert:

I am grateful for your recent note and for Emma's - and your remembrance. I felt in unusual measure the uplift of my friends' prayers in my task at Eastern Theological Seminary - the story of it rests on my desk. My subject was our Lord's Prayer life - what I have written my little book about.

Scribner's thought well of the idea of it and my handling of it, but doubted if they could market it profitably. I was not at all surprised. Dr. Schell told me this morning of the fine success of

Your last devotional book, handled
by the Westminster Press. I wonder
whether my Mrs. would interest them.
It would make only a small book, -
150 pages perhaps.

I have as my Father's literary
executor had extensive dealings with
the Judson Press, our Baptist publishers,
giving them \$7,000 worth of business
in the last few years. It has occurred
to me that I might put one "egg"
in a Presbyterian basket.

I do not know the Presbyterian
publishers in Phila. at all. Would

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New York 17, N. Y.

You care to drop them a line about
me? — if that would not burden
you.

My book touches the Crisis in
the times and is eager to be put
to work.

Again, fraternal and affectionately
John

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JOHN H. STRONG
8 LARCHMONT AVENUE
LARCHMONT, N. Y.

May 24, 1945

Dear Robert:

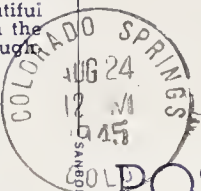
Just a word to tell you that the Judson Press has accepted my little book, and mean to print it at once so as to bring it out in the Fall. Though your generous effort with the Westminster Press did not materialize, I am just as grateful as though it had. Lide and I are moving July first to Colorado Springs. Elizabeth is moving back there, and our mail concern now is our children and grandchildren. But we shall be coming east often.

Ever affectionately,

John

Immortalized in legend and verse by Helen
Hunt Jackson and other writers, beautiful
Helen Hunt Falls as well as other spots in the
Cheyenne Mountain District are noted throughout
America.

Dear Robert: I am most
grateful for your willingness to
review my booklet. I have
written Dr. L. R. Fontaine, of the
Indiana Press, 1701 Chestnut St.,
Philadelphia, who will send you the
galley proof in advance as soon as
it is ready. I rejoice in the good
report of you and Emma in your
letter. All love to you both.
John



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CAVE OF THE WINDS, Sept. 10/45

PIKE'S PEAK REGION, COLORADO

Dear Robert,

Most grateful for your letter and
help. A word of commendation
of my little book from you will
attract the attention of a
multitude. Pike's Peak has
not surrendered to me this
time, tho' a week ago I stood
on Mt. Democrat, altitud about
14,200', and was surprised to
enjoy the entire climb, ascent
and descent. But I'd prefer
a night in camp hearing the
noise of the Swift Diamond with
you. Affectionately John.

(Strong) John

Sept. 7, 1945



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Lakeville
Connecticut

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1506 CULEBRA AVENUE
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Dec. 9, 1945

Dear Robert:

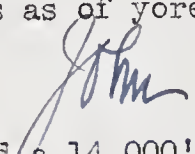
Can you give me Dick Farrell's address? I should be grateful, for I want to send him a copy of my little book when it comes out,— as I want to send one also to you and Emma. The paper shortage or some other difficulty must have clamped down on the Judson Press, for they promised it some weeks ago, and I haven't yet had a sight of it, and am trying to "let patience have her perfect work". Why "her"? Because patience is a feminine noun, or have women so much more patience naturally than men that they have put their mark of ownership upon it?

I should so like to see your review of the book, of which others write me. I shall cherish it dearly. As for Lide and me, you see where we are once more. We are seeking a home in Colorado Springs where Elizabeth lives, with whom we are for the present, but like many another place it is over-crowded and the search is

difficult.

I am hoping and praying that you and Emma may be kept well. Having passed my seventy-ninth birthday Saturday, I have not a few reminders that one is not physically just where one was in the days when we toted packs over Crystal Mountain.* The question a little girl asked her mother comes to mind: "Mother, why is it that old people always have something the matter with them?" Yet I could talk on the joys of maturity, and the satisfaction of finding that one can do some things better than when one was a kid, and that the things one can do better are more worth doing. So let us hold on together yet a while, and get back to Andover for our 60th reunion.

Yours as of yore and ever,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be the name "John", written in a cursive style.

*Though I climbed a 14,000' peak with Elizabeth recently.

JOHN HENRY STRONG
THE ANTLERS
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

February 23, 1946

Dear Robert and Emma:

An invitation comes from the Eutaw Place Baptist Church of Baltimore, where I was Pastor twenty-five years ago, to preach on Sunday, March 31st, their Seventy-fifth Anniversary sermon.

My relations were not wholly happy there. The governing board and I failed to see things eye to eye and I left somewhat under a cloud. But here comes this graceful gesture in the shape of an invitation and I have accepted. The situation is not entirely easy. I need wisdom, grace and a message. Let me have the blessing of a prayer from you and I shall be so grateful!

Affectionately yours,

John H. S.

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JOHN HENRY STRONG
THE ANTLERS
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

March 2/46

Dear Robert:

Two days ago Lida suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, was taken to the hospital, and has been kept under opiates since, in hope the clot may be absorbed. I shall feel comfort in knowing that you and Emma know of this.

Her critical condition has thrown such grave doubts on all future plans that I have felt obliged to cancel Baltimore engagements.

We are in God's good hands. How wonderful it is to fully know that.

Love,
John

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JOHN HENRY STRONG
THE ANTLERS
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Mar. 11, 1946

Dear Robert:

Lide continues about as before -- unconscious (semi-coma) most of the time and alert only at brief intervals, when she indicates knowledge of us by a few words or a smile.

The burden of uncertainty is very heavy, yet I am being greatly helped. Such words as, "More than conquerors", seem spoken directly to me, as I find myself living through all that I tried to say in Chapter VI of my little book.

How shall I thank you and Emma for your faithful friendship and your loving words!

Affectionately,

John

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JOHN HENRY STRONG
THE ANTLERS
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Mar. 16/46

Dear Robert!

It is a comfort to write you. The doctors have given up hope for Lide, but I know God does not always act accordingly. Letters flow in from friends who know of recoveries equally or even more remarkable. I have been upheld by the love and prayers of others, and have asked to be spared cherishing hope that could only later be cast down. To spare Lide like sorrow by losing me, and those later dubious years for which I feel her ill-equipped, would bring me joy, however adrift I might find myself in the world. How shall I thank you and Emma for your loving-kindness!

I have written Farnum Yardley that future plans are confused owing to these happenings, much though I should love to be present at the 60th. In case Lidie leaves us, I hope I may in some way be able to see you.

With love,

John

JOHN HENRY STRONG
THE ANTLERS
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Mar. 27/46

My very dear Robert ^{and} Emma:

I shall be leaning on that lovely
article just sent me from your pen, and
~~from~~ ^{on} the faith and love that have made you such
a blessing to me and to so many.

Tuesday Bob Russell, flown on from Tucson,
conducted a satisfying service for us in memory
of my beloved Lide. Great though is my loss,
God is in answer to the prayers of my friends
lifting me high into the atmosphere of hope ^{and faith}
and thanksgiving. Elizabeth is now taking me
on a week's trip to the Mesa Verde. I long to
see you.

With much love,



1506 Culebra Avenue

JOHN HENRY STRONG

~~THE ANTLEERS~~

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

April 7/46

Dear Robert:

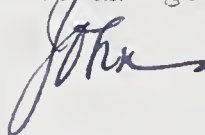
Just a line to thank you and tell you how refreshing I found your article on Jesus and his Bible. Truly, it is strange and sad if we must become so learned that the Bible can no longer mean to us what it did to him. One reason why I left teaching in the Rochester seminary and re-entered the pastorate was, that if I stayed, I would be compelled to spend a lot of my time performing autopsies on a book assumed to be dead.

I have sometimes pictured myself as one of these learned men seated in my study with a pot of paste, scissors, and a letter from Lide spread out before me. The door-bell rings, and the maid rushes up with the announcement, say, that Lide, supposed to have been in Europe for a year, has arrived and is below. "Just tell Mrs. Strong", I tell the maid, "that I have almost finished tracing the old Saxon root of one of the words in the last letter she wrote me, and as soon as I'm done I'll be down to welcome her".

I can't thank you and Emma enough for your support in my recent trial. How close joy and sorrow can be to each other! In one moment I have found myself saying in my solitude, "Dear, I shall never, never see you again in this world!" and in the next, realizing the battle she has escaped and the bliss she has inherited, I have shouted, "Oh, I'm so glad, so glad!" It is the Lord's doing, answering the prayers of my friends, and it is marvelous in my eyes.

I am coming east by car slowly, starting Tuesday. About May 1st I shall be in Rochester, where the interment will take place, and then with Justice Lewis, my brother-in-law, and my sister Laura, in Skaneateles. I shall float back this way later, and I hope to see you before I turn west.

With love and gratitude,

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(Strong) John

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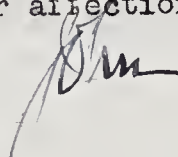
MRS. EDMUND H. LEWIS
EAST GENESEE STREET May 6/46
SKANEATELES, NEW YORK

Dear Robert:

The above will show where I am -- .
with Laura and Ned Lewis on Skaneateles
lake. They brought me here after the
interment service in Rochester on Wednesday.
How healing the touch of family and friends
when the foundations seem to be removed!
I shall be here a week, and then go for a
few days to Dr. Spurr's, at Copake Falls,
N.Y., where those grand walks are, and where
I am quite near you. So prepare to be called
up and inquired of as to whether you are at
home, that I may drop down and see you and
Emma, and perhaps induce you to drop up and
walk with me.

I am adrift in the world, yet so was
Abraham, going out not knowing whither he
went, yet God blessed him and made him a
blessing. Elizabeth insists that I make her
Colorado home my headquarters, and Emmy does
the same of Louisville. So I am content. I
hope that this finds Emma and yourself well,
and I trust soon to see you. Yours, and

Ever affectionately,



(Strong) John June 10, 1946

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer

Lakeville, Conn.

More grateful than I can tell for your faithful help on June 2nd in Baltimore. The unhappy past there utterly buried. Am invited to give course in the church in the fall. We have our Yale '90 Class Dinner June 24th at New Haven. Asked to talk on "The Spiritual State of the Nation — or of the World". Interesting that the minds of the men are turning to that subject! May I once more have your remembrance?

Yours as of yore,

June 10/46

A handwritten signature, possibly "Jru", written in dark ink.A handwritten signature, possibly "John", written in dark ink.

(Strong) John

June 26, 1946

At Charles B. King's
Sarchmont

Dear Robert:

I was glad to have your good
note at the Yale Club, just before
leaving for our Yale reunion. The
latter was a memorable experience,
twenty-six out of fifty-two living members
being present. Among them were our
friends John Cook and Charlie Bovey, both
of them hale and hearty, though not so
spry as last time. Concerning my part
of the program I said to my old-time
friend, Kendrick, "He has said about that
speech the better!" Yet he insisted that
it was worthy and went, and I was
convinced of ~~unbelief~~, for I knew
there had been prayer, and that prayers
are heard. We spoke of you, you

may be sure, at the Reunion,
and wished we Andover men might
have got together.

You may have seen the things
printed of late of Charles King, who
made the first automobile to travel
in the State of Detroit and has been
fairly lathered with fame of late, —
An interesting man and a good friend.
I go tomorrow via Skaneateles, where
my youngest sister lives, to Louisville,
and thence in my car, taking Emmy,
back to Colorado. My love to Emma
and an ever to Gousses!

John

June 26/46

(Strong) John

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What a wealth you have
put into that little book,
"Five Minutes a Day"! I am
drawing deep comfort from
it, and I am sending copies
to friends it will benefit.
Do you know this rare place?
Jendake Lodge, White & So
Lonsdale, is lovely (Chateau
Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada).

My love to you both!

John

Buff Springs
Aug. 8, '46

Dr. and Mrs Robert E. Greer
Lakerville
Connecticut



(Strong) John

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1506 CULEBRA AVENUE
COLORADO SPRINGS

Sept. 22/46

Dear Robert:

I was grateful and glad to have your letter with its account of your active and fruitful life. Ripe maturity adds its own weight to your testimony as you go to and fro sharing your gleanings with needy and sensitive men.

I gave my dear little sister Laura (Mrs. Justice Lewis) a copy of "Five Minutes a day", also to a dear cousin of mine, and they are living with it.

I climaxed my outing in Canada strangely by contracting light pneumonia. After three weeks in bed Elizabeth came and got me out of the hospital in Calgary and brought me back here partly by car and partly by plane. I am weak still, but gaining daily, and in a week hope to go to my old Seminary classmate's, Rev. Alonzo R. Stark, in Frankfort, Indiana, and thence after a few days to Saratoga Springs for two weeks with the above-named Laura, who greatly needs the tonic of the baths, which in turn may not harm me at the present juncture (we shall be at 109 Caroline St., Oct. 7-21).

From then on my program is a rather full one: Six devotional address before the Md. Bapt. State Convention, Balto., Oct. 23-25; a Bible Course following in my former church, Oct. 28-Nov. 1; another in the Canandaigua Cong'l. Church, Nov. 3-8; then another in the church of a superb man, Rev. George Sagen, in Greenville, Texas, Nov. 17-21. Then back to Colo. Springs.

These sickness leave a deposit of good
— the present one, perhaps, an undermining of
my sense of self-sufficiency and independence.
I certainly never felt more dependant. Dr. White
used to say we were called to "know the unknow-
able, do the impossible, and be the unattainable";
with a faith somewhat like that I am going
forward to work I have not sought — it has been
pressed upon me — thankful for faithful friends
whom I delight daily to remember and who know
the way to the Throne on my behalf. So I am writing
Emma and you the things that concern me.

Yours with oldtime love and ever new gratitude,

John

(Strong) John

May 6, 1947

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Yale Club

Vanderbilt Avenue and Forty fourth Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Robert and Emma:

Just a line to tell you
I take a plane to Geneva, Switzerland
a week from today. I want to walk
the paths I used to take with dear
dad & pray. God has been so good,
beyond all my power to imagine. My
love to you both!

John

May 6/47

Surdam, Jean

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June 18, 1944

Dr. Robert Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer,

We are sending you a complimentary copy of our latest printing of THE ONE VOLUME BIBLE COMMENTARY, edited by The Rev. J. R. Dummelow.

You will see that on the jacket we have quoted opinions from a number of church leaders and religious papers, but some of these opinions were obtained fifteen years ago or more, and for our next printing we should like to substitute comments and appreciations from a number of contemporary church leaders.

You are probably familiar with Dummelow's Commentary, and we hope that you have found it a useful volume. We shall be greatly obliged if you will let us have any comment that you see fit to make, which we may use on the jacket of the next printing and in a folder we are preparing to bring the Commentary to the attention of a wider circle of ministers, students, and laymen.

We enclose a stamped addressed envelope and we shall deeply appreciate hearing from you at your convenience. Perhaps you will also be good enough to indicate below your statement the styles, titles, and degrees that you would wish used with your name.

Yours very sincerely,

Jean Surdam

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THE DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM
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April 16, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

At the Annual Meeting of the National Commission on Evangelism there was a time for going back into the history of the evangelistic work in our church. This review gave frequent occasions for reference to you and all that you have done for evangelism in our church. So marked was this that at the conclusion a motion was made that the Commission as a body send to you its most affectionate greetings and its expression of joy in your great service.

I suspect that expressions of this sort to you are not rare, but the members of the Commission felt that there were many especial reasons for their sense of particular closeness to you. May I add my personal wish that if at any time there is counsel or admonition that you feel I should have that I may have the benefit of it.

With the warmest personal regards, I am

Most sincerely,

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THE DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM
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December 19, 1945.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Some time ago I had a letter from an electrical engineer - Dr. R. H. Borkent - of Ryswyk by den Haag, Haaweg, Holland. Dr. Borkent is a layman who is active in the evangelistic work of the Church in Holland and was anxious to have some of our leaflets. From the samples which I sent him, he selected yours and asked for permission to use it in translation. Since none of our material has ever been copyrighted, the permission was granted. I thought you would be interested in seeing the result. I don't know just why he changed the leaflet into a personal letter from you, but it seems to be a very effective form.

I have been very much interested in the plans for your Preaching Mission in Baltimore. We have sent down literature for it which Dr. Warren requested. I hope that it turns out to be everything that you have expected for it.

With best wishes for a Joyous Christmas.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Sweazey
George E. Sweazey.

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ZOO DENKT MEN ER IN AMERIKA OVER!

Aan een brief van een onzer buitenlandsche vrienden, met wie wy correspondeerden omtrent evangelisatiewerk ontleenen wy het volgende:

Ieder mensch, die een godsdienst heeft moet één van beide doen, of zyn godsdienst afschaffen, of hem verbreiden en propageeren. Als zyn godsdienst niet goed is, moet hy hem opgeven, en als zyn godsdienst wel goed is moet hy hem doorgeven. Dat is niet de plicht enkel van predikanten. Godsdienst is geen zaak van een beroep of van een groep. Godsdienst is de zaak van ieder normaal mensch. Er is geen godsdienst by volmacht; ieder heeft zyn eigen godsdienst. En als hy die niet heeft, dan heeft hy heelemaal geen godsdienst. Een ander kan zyn godsdienst niet voor hem hebben. En als hy een eigen godsdienst heeft, dan moet hy hem propageeren als die goed is, of hem afschaffen als die valsch is.

De gedachte dat de wereld of een land beëvangelseerd zou kunnen worden door een deel van het Christelyk geheel, is om verschillende redenen belachelyk; voornamelyk al hierom, omdat een geloof, dat niet al zyn bezitters begeering maakt om het te propageeren, niet waard is om propaganda voor te maken, en ook niet aanvaard zal worden door het volk waaraan het aangeboden wordt. Alleen die godsdienst zal over het menschedom verspreid kunnen worden, die aangeboden wordt van mensch tot mensch, en waarvan de kracht gezien wordt in het beheerschen van het geheele leven van al zyn aanhangers, en die aanhangers begeerig maakt hun godsdienst uit te strooien. Dat alles is even noodzakelyk als een garantiebewys.

De predikant is enkel maar de kolonel van het regiment. Het werkelyke gevecht moet geleverd worden door de menschen in de gelederen, die de geweren dragen. Geen idee is meer onchristelyk en meer dwaas, dan dat de kolonel bezig zou moeten zyn te vechten voor zyn manschappen, terwyl die er op hun gemak by zitten. Toch is er een wel eens voorkomende gedachte, die nog onzinniger is. Dat is dat er heelemaal niet gevochten moet worden, en dat de kolonel betaald wordt om zyn tyd te gebruiken met zyn regiment te vertroosten of vriendelyke en opvoedende lessen te geven, die heelemaal niet bedoeld zyn om ooit toegepast te worden by een flinke, heldhaftige poging om het heele regiment iets te laten ondernemen tegen den vyand.

De kerkleden zyn verplicht hun godsdienst te propageeren; inderdaad door hem te prediken. Iemand vertellen wat het Evangelie is, wat Christus voor een mensch kan zyn, is preeken, zoo schriftuurlyk als een preek maar kan zyn. Het doet er niet toe of het aarzelend geschiedt. Een stuntelig getuigenis tegen een vriend kan meer afdoende zyn dan een vloeiende bondige Zondagmorgenpreek. Het ware ideaal van Christelyk evangeliseeren is verbreiding van het Christendom, niet zoozeer door openbare preeken, als wel door particuliere gesprekken, en het getuigenis van gewone menschen.

Met alle goede wenschen aan U,

Yours sincerely
(geteekend)

Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue, New-York.

Translation.

SUCH IS THE OPINION THEY HAVE IN AMERICA!

The following is derived from a letter we had from one of our foreign friends with whom we dealt about evangelization work:

(Follows Mr. Speer's pamphlet "The Layman's Duty to propagate his Religion").

With all good wishes to you,

Yours sincerely
(signed) etc.



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LOUIS MATTHEWS SWEET
49 WEST GENESEE STREET
SKANEATELES, NEW YORK

1114 5th St.,
Haitsville,
S.C.

Feb. 13, 46

Dear Dr. Speer:

I have been studying - please
note studying not merely reading your great
book "Race and Race Relations". This means
making a syllabus & all that sort of thing.
The last chapter is a masterpiece & a great
help in a job I am undertaking. I am writing
a book which I may not be able to finish but
am living with it & live. I am writing you to
ask one question. Your book was written or
published in 1924 - a lot of water has gone
under the bridge since but your conclusions
seem to me valid still. My question concerns
the Jewish problem. In your opinion what
changes in the Jewish situation here has the
awful Cataclysm in Europe which seems
almost to have wiped out the Jews in Europe
made? I have tried to get in touch with Dr.
Hoffman but have not succeeded. I have
also tried to get a copy of your book for
myself but the publishers tell me it is not
available. I am not in touch with General
Land stores down here. With cordial regards
P.S. I do not know where you live so am sending
this to 156 5th Ave.

Sincerely Louis Matthews Sweet

HENRY H. SWEETS
410 URBAN BUILDING
LOUISVILLE, KY.

March 9, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear brother Robert:

I appreciate that kind and cordial message
in your letter of February 29.

For many years I have looked upon you as
something of a father but most especially as a
brother beloved in the fellowship of the Gospel.

You will just never know what your messages
and your consistent life meant to me while a student.
I was first thrown in intimate touch with you at the
Southern Student Conference at Knoxville. The next
year I was with you at Northfield and then later in
three of the Student Volunteer Conventions. In addition
to this we were in so many other student conferences
together.

So many of my friends are now being called
by the King to the beautiful country. The great hope
and expectation mentioned in the conclusion of your
letter, "It is good to remember that 'the best is yet
to be,'" has been of increasing comfort and strength
to me as I grow old. I wonder so often what our loved
ones are talking about over there. What a joy it will
be to be with them.

Your sincere friend,

Henry H. Sweets

Sweets, Henry H.

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November 1, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Brother Robert:

It has been a source of great disappointment to me that I have not seen you more frequently in recent years.

I am writing to you today for a little confidential advice. You know of course that the question of union of our two branches of the Presbyterian family provides the occasion for the fiercest denunciation of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., by some of our narrow and prejudiced men. In addition to this it is bringing quite a good deal of fear and criticism from timid souls who are listening to the loud appeals made by those men. What ought we to do about this?

Theological Seminaries and our Colleges as well as some of our ministers are being undermined by these "heresy hunters." Some of them seem to believe what they read in that awful sheet called the "Christian Beacon." I have been thinking for a long time about writing an article for general distribution throughout our Church. Would it be wise in your opinion to do this?

I think the use these men make of the Auburn Affirmation is wholly unjustified. I was very close to Dr. W. O. Thompson when those discussions were rife in your Church. He explained the whole situation to me and I thought those men were justified in making a statement. They used a few phrases that I think were unfortunate.

These men have gone through the writings of Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin and have taken therefrom some expressions that seem to indicate that he does not believe in the Divinity of Jesus Christ and that his attitude toward the Bible is very destructive. You remember how they did Dr. Ernest Trice Thompson. They selected from his voluminous writings of many years a great many statements, published them out of their context and made it appear that he did not accept the Bible as outlined in our Confession of Faith. He told me one day that when he read some of those charges he did not believe he had said the things they quoted. But when he looked them up he found they had distorted his meaning by taking a sentence out of its supporting phrases.

I know you have thought over these matters for a long while and I long so much to know what you think about what I have proposed above.

I shall always be thankful to you for the fine messages you have put in your books. Your Finality of Jesus Christ and Five Minutes A Day stand out in my mind as the most helpful publications of our generation. My daughter, whose husband Robert V. Ackerman, is now teaching in the Chinese School of Journalism at Chungking, China, has always said that she received

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more help from your book One Girl's Influence than from anything else she has ever read.

We will soon be Over There and will resume helpful fellowship with those who have gone before. Possibly we ought to let truth take care of itself. This seems to be suggested by Paul in II Corinthians 13:8.

With kindest regards, I am

Your sincere friend,

Harry H. Sweets.

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Sweets, Henry H.

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December 7, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
The Harkness Pavilion
180 Fort Washington Avenue
New York 32, New York

Dear Brother Robert:

I was kept away from the office for a few days because of a very severe cough. I was greatly delighted when I returned to find your letter of November 27 on my desk.

What you have written is going to be of wonderful help to me. I am still studying that problem very carefully and have not yet decided just what I shall do. I know these men who are ruthlessly criticizing so many of the consecrated and devoted leaders of our churches. They are accomplishing a great deal of harm. One scarcely knows whether it is wise to reply to them or not.

You have meant so very much to my life and to the lives of thousands of Christians throughout the world and I know it must bring great joy to your heart to know how greatly we all appreciate you.

I am constantly and earnestly praying that if it be God's will your life may be spared for many more years of happy, useful service. I do not know of anyone in the world who has done more to steady the faith of Christians and inspire their love and devotion than you.

Your sincere friend,

Henry H. Sweets

Sweets, Henry H.

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THE EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE
IN THE
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REV. ANGUS N. GORDON, SYNOD'S CHAIRMAN
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303 Urban Building • Louisville 2, Ky.

May 23, 1945

Presbyteries' Chairmen

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Lexington, Ky.

REV. WILLIAM H. HOPPER, *Louisville*
Louisville, Ky.

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Somerset, Ky.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Brother Robert:

We are making progress in preparing for the series of meetings to be held at the Second Presbyterian Church, September 23-October 7.

I am writing to get some information from you that we will need in the very near future.

1. I am enclosing copy of a list of committees that are in the process of formation. I wish you would look these over very carefully and give us any suggestions that occur to you. We are trying to enlist all of these churches in this Crusade. We believe it will mean much to individuals and to the organized church to have a large number of the members and all of the pastors fully enlisted and actively helping. I wonder if you could make any suggestions about the organization.

2. I am also enclosing copy of a declaration card we recommended to the churches in the Synod of Kentucky. Also sample of the card that is being used in the Gipsy Smith meetings now in progress here in Louisville. We want to print a card for use during that period. What would you suggest as to the contents of the card?

3. We are hoping of course that our Presbyterians in Louisville will be greatly revived because of these meetings. We hope that others will be brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. However I am fully convinced in my own mind that unless the Christians show more of the spirit of Christ we are not going to effect the world very much. You have made some wonderfully helpful talks in the past. Do not hesitate to use any of this material. I am making this suggestion to you because in my more than forty years as a Secretary of the Church I have found one man after another making a good address or preaching a helpful sermon and then so completely changing it the next time he delivers it that it fails to register. If our people have heard you or have read one of your addresses they will hear it again with the deepest appreciation and I believe with the largest help. I am not sure that there is any necessity in making this statement to you but I want to let you know just how I feel about it. Do not feel any embarrassment whatever in bring any messages that are suggested to you by the Spirit.

The Committee has not yet reached any decision as to meetings during the day. We are watching the efforts now being put forth in Louisville by an association of laymen who have brought here for two weeks Gipsy Smith, Sr. and his son Gipsy Smith, Jr. This movement did not have the churches as organizations behind it. They are not having the crowds they had expected and there are many things that have been disappointing. I am sure they did not

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organize the community for this as they should.

They are having to stress the financial part of the work out of its due proportion. We are going to try mighty hard to avoid errors like this. Think over these matters and do not hesitate to write about anything that occurs to you. We are all praying earnestly that God is going to bring through you a great season of refreshing to our hearts and to our homes and to our churches.

Very cordially yours,

Henry H. Sweets.

PROPOSED COMMITTEES FOR EVANGELISTIC MEETING IN LOUISVILLE

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

1. Committee on Prayer

- (1) To pray, study, think and plan.
- (2) To inspire churches, groups and individuals to importunate and expectant prayer.
- (3) To circulate literature on prayer and spiritual life.

2. Committee on Invitation and Attendance

- (1) To pray for God's guidance and help.
2 To promote the organization of Committee on Attendance in each church
- (2) To place cards of invitation at the churches and in the hands of the leaders of groups.
- (3) To inspire individuals to invite individuals.

3. Committee on Publicity

- (1) To pray for God's guidance and help.
- (2) To make helpful use of daily papers.
- (3) To extend information by letters, telephones, radio and individual calls.
- (4) To see that proper material is printed for circulation.
- (5) To supply copy for local church bulletins.

4. Committee on Finance

- (1) To pray for God's guidance and help.
- (2) To secure underwriters from individuals to the amount of not less than \$_____.
- (3) To see that quiet, dignified presentation of expense is made at meetings.
- (4) To take proper means to safe-guard funds and their use.

5. Committee on Place of Meeting.

- (1) To pray for God's guidance and help.
- (2) To see that building is opened promptly and properly lighted and ventilated.
- (3) To arrange for extra chairs.
- (4) If necessary to arrange transmission to loud speaker in lecture room with use of television if possible.

6. Committee on Groups

- (1) To pray for God's guidance and help.
- (2) To get and keep in close touch with all groups of men, women and youth.
- (3) To arrange for some special meetings for each of the groups.
- (4) Stimulate among the groups a recognition of their responsibility.

7. Committee on Special Days

- (1) To pray for God's guidance and help.
- (2) To arrange for special days for organization groups and individual groups.
- (3) To inspire each group to function effectively.

8. Committee on Music

- (1) To pray for God's guidance and help.
- (2) To arrange for meeting of singers for practice.
- (3) To see that the proper number of song books are available.
- (4) To safe-guard the books and arrange to pay for any that are lost.
- (5) To arrange a sale at ~~25¢ a copy~~ of the books.

9. Committee on Ushers

- (1) To pray for God's guidance and help.
- (2) To see that the congregation is properly seated.
- (3) To distribute the song books and every kind of literature approved for use.
- (4) To arrange to have personal interviews with those interested.
- (5) To be on the alert to carry out all approved plans.

Sweets, Henry H.

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October 12, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Robert:

Immediately after the meeting I went to Paris, Kentucky, for our Synod. I returned yesterday but I am now going to Texas to help organize a campaign there for our educational institutions.

I am just writing a note of loving appreciation for the wonderful things done for us by you and Mrs. Speer. On every hand I hear of the blessings that have been brought to lives and to homes through your ministry.

One of our ministers was in the office a few moments ago. He said, "I have in my congregation a woman who for more than twenty years has been praying earnestly that her husband might be brought to Christ. He suggested that they go to the first meeting you held. His heart was touched and he continued to go. He has already united with the church and the woman's heart is overflowing with gratitude to God." The pastor said the man is just made over again and is as happy as he can be. Many other instances of the blessings you brought to us are now apparent.

I am very anxious to have a copy of the talk you made on Monday morning to the ministers and also of the description of a Christian through the analogy of a tree. We would also love so much to have copy of all of your messages. They were of the highest character and have done us good. We would like to keep them going.

I am still thinking a great deal about that dictaphone or ediphone. I am going to let you hear from me again in the not far distant future.

We all love you both and thank you from the depths of our hearts for what you have done for us.

Your sincere friend,

Henry H. Sweets

Sweets, Henry

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July 2, 1946

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Robert:

Sometime ago I wrote a letter to Dr. Henry S. Coffin asking him if he had made any reply to the men in our Church who are making such very unkind remarks about him. I was very much in hopes that he would say something that I might use in my conversations with these men. I have had a letter dated June 29 in which he says:

"I appreciate your interest on my behalf, but I do not answer men of that trouble-seeking and trouble-making variety. They do not seek truth, but a way to raise a row, and they misquote or by supression of parts of one's sentences distort one's meaning into nonsense. I cannot see any value in answering their bombardments.

"My friend, Ray Anderson, is bent on doing some answering, but I think it a waste of his time."

I have never felt it a just charge they made about him on the line of his not believing in the Divinity of Jesus Christ and I have wondered so much why they are so vociferous along that line. It may be better just to pay no attention to these men but it is a mighty sad thing to me to see what they are doing.

A great many of the timid people in our Church are exercised deeply about this matter and I think their feelings are not well founded. I wish we could do something to help the situation.

I hope you and Mrs. Speer are well. We are still reaping some wonderfully fine results from your meeting here in Louisville.

Your sincere friend,

Henry.

Sweets, Henry H.

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August 5, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Robert:

I am very greatly pleased with your new book "Jesus and Human Problems". You have some wonderfully fine and helpful passages in this.

I wonder if you have ever thought of republishing your book "The Principles of Jesus". The messages in this are so simple and direct and helpful and scriptural that I believe it ought to be available to youth today. I have recommended it to so many individuals and to a large number of classes. In every instance it has been deeply appreciated. What do you think about this?

I wish so much I could see you this summer and talk over many matters with you. We all hold you and Mrs. Speer in most grateful remembrance.

Your sincere friend

Henry H. Sweets

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September 3, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

I have been so anxious to see published another edition of you "The Principles of Jesus". I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just written to William R. Barbour. I do hope he will do this.

I think you give more of the most practical and helpful suggestions in that book than anything you have ever written. It has been a wonderful help to me and to so many of our students.

Very cordially yours

Henry H. Sweets

September 3, 1946

Mr. William R. Barbour
158 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Barbour:

It seems a long time since I heard from you.

I have been so much in hopes that we might get for Dr. Robert E. Speer a dictograph machine and enable him to do more writing.

I am writing to you especially this morning concerning one of his books, "The Principles of Jesus". I am constantly recommending this to the students of our Church. I wonder if you have thought at all of bringing out another edition of it or do you know where copies of it could be secured today.

I think that is one of the most helpful of all Dr. Speer's writings. I was certainly very happy to have his last book, "Jesus and Our Human Problems".

If you are ever in need of printers of other books I want once more to recommend to you the Franklin Printing Company of Louisville. They are doing some wonderfully fine work along the line of publishing.

Very cordially yours

Please return
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Henry H. Sweets

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158 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, 10

CABLE: "REVELL"

September 6, 1946

Dear Dr. Speer:

In confidence I am sending you the accompanying letter from Dr. Sweets.

He inquired about THE PRINCIPLES OF JESUS, and I have noted that the last edition was in October 1940. This is another instance of our worth-while backlog titles which are not available; but gradually we are finding paper and cloth and printing facilities to put some of these volumes back into print. This, by the way, is why we published only a limited number of books in 1945.

We think of you often and I do wish that you would give me a ring when you are in the city, and give me an opportunity to have you as my luncheon guest at the National Arts Club.

In the meantime you will note the attached copy of my reply to Dr. Sweet's letter.

With every good wish, we are

Cordially yours,

W. R. Barbour
William R. Barbour

President
FLEMING H. REVELL COMPANY

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(Enclosures)-

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut

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September 6, 1946

Dr. Henry H. Sweets,
410 Urban Building,
Louisville 2, Kentucky.

Dear Dr. Sweets:

We greatly appreciate your letter of September 3. Some time when I can confer personally with Dr. Speer I shall see whether we can be of any help to him in connection with taking down some of his addresses for book publication.

In the meantime we wish to report that the last edition of THE PRINCIPLES OF JESUS was in 1940: and this is another instance of a worth-while volume being out of print during the war years. We hope some day to be in a position to put it back in print - even as we are reprinting quite a number of our earlier volumes.

Thank you for your suggestion of the Franklin Printing Company. I talked with one of their representatives some time ago, and would appreciate your giving me the name of the proper person to whom to write: and also possibly you could ask the company to advise us about their facilities and whether they would be interested to do any printing and binding for us, - or indeed, composition, printing and binding of new publications.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of Dr. Morgan's new volume, THE CORINTHIAN LETTERS OF PAUL.

With every good wish, we are

Cordially yours,

FLEMING H. REVELL COMPANY

William R. Barbour

President

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